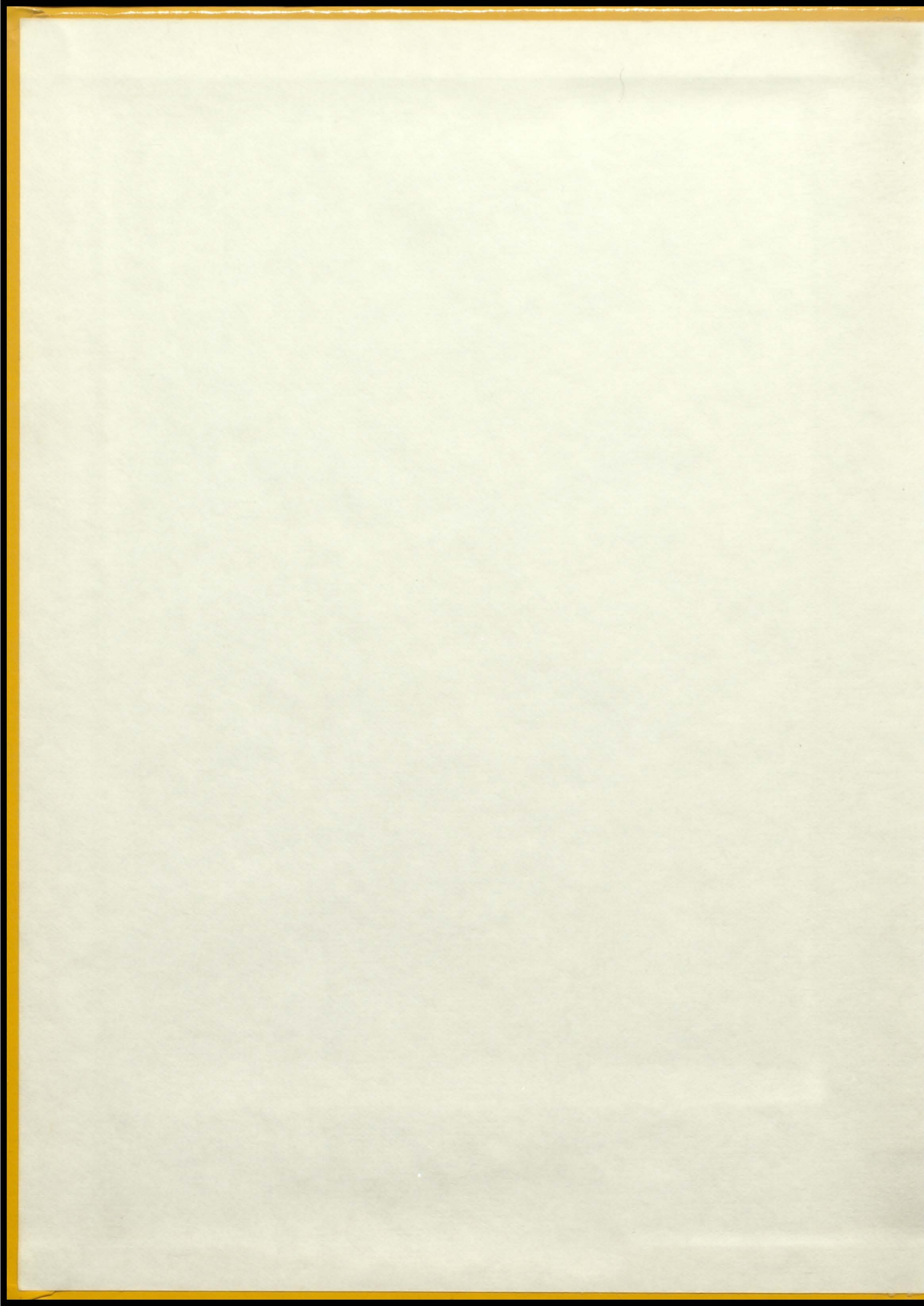
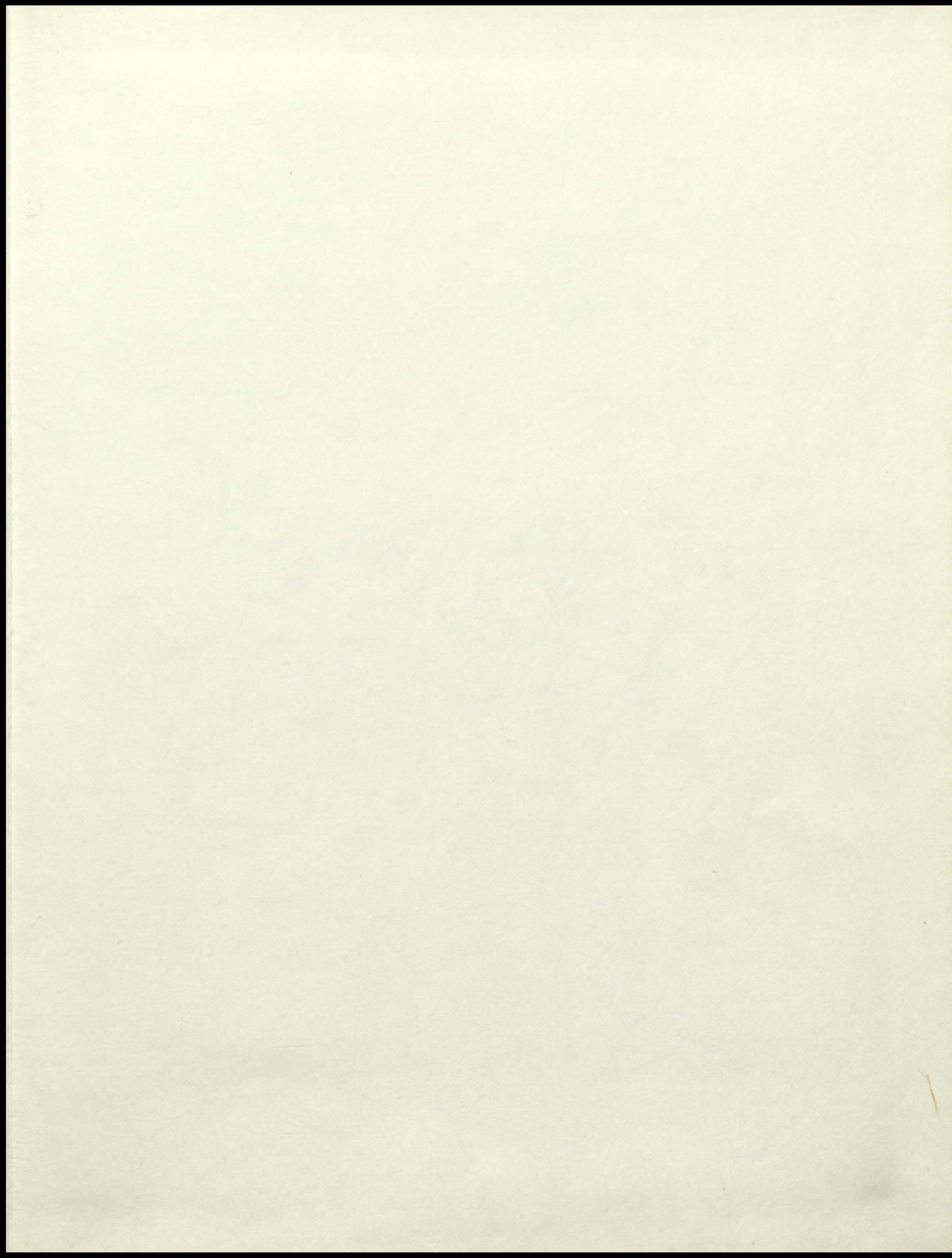




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Caught Up in the Gold Rush

It started quietly, almost like the tremor before the earthquake. But it built rapidly. It took possession of people and sent them stampeding toward the west coast. The mere mention of the word filled the air with a nervous excitement and made people tremble . . . gold.

The 1849 gold rush had begun, and there was no stopping it. People contracted "the fever," and it was highly contagious. Anyone who hesitated was swept along with all the rest. They were all caught up in the gold rush.

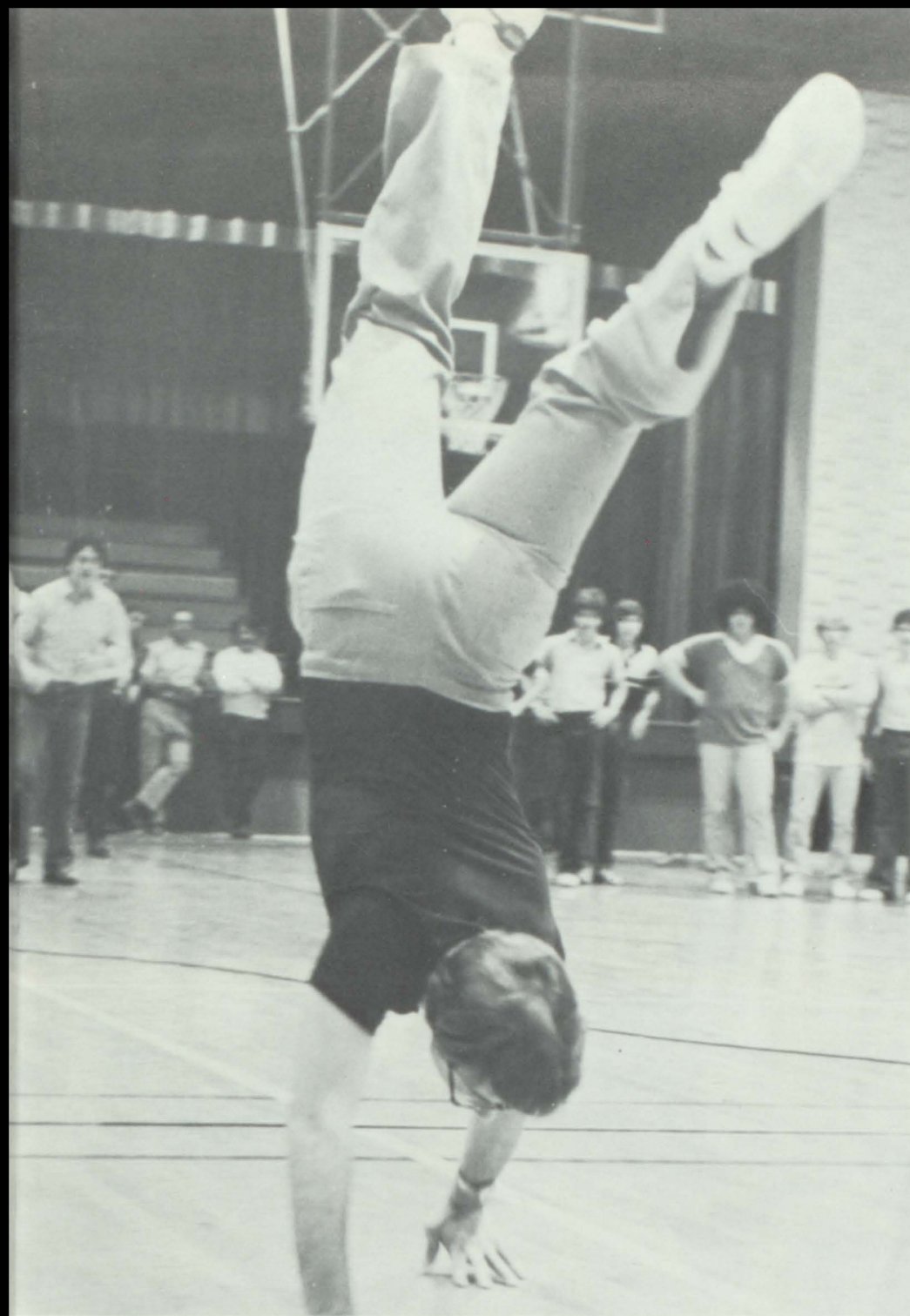
Some teachers recall paying only 30 or 40 dollars for a class ring. Now most are well into the hundreds. Yet because they're such a big part of being a sophomore, students like Kyle Bontrager still shell out for them.



One reason there is sometimes no toilet paper in the restrooms is that it is being used for other purposes. Mrs. Linda Kaminskis found her tee-peed office as humorous as those responsible.

Performing a half time routine to "Spirit of Spain" is Kim Kurtz.





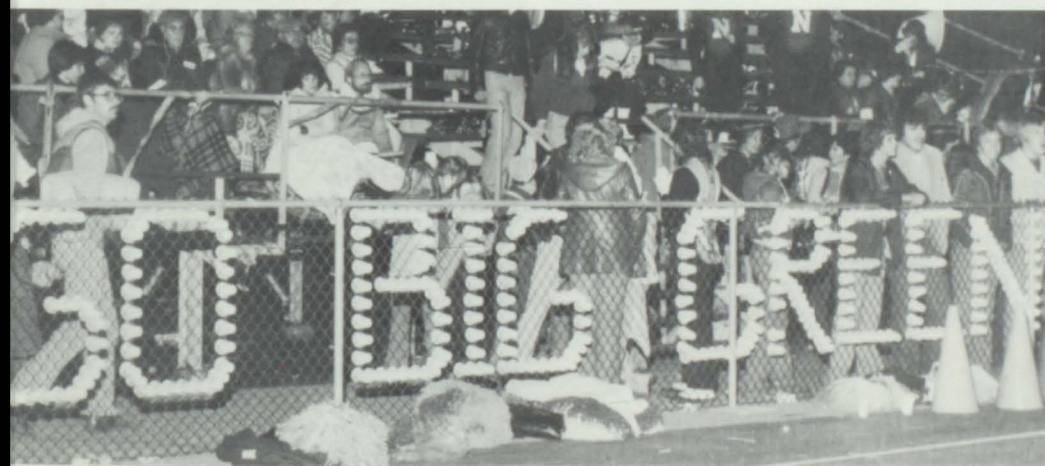
One of the competitions during Spirit Week was to see who could walk on their hands the farthest. Senior Cory O'Dell won this one hands down.

Entertaining half time audiences is the job of the auxiliary. Moustache and all, co-captain Paula Wallace dances to "Twelfth Street Rag."



Brazilian exchange student Anne Pena does some homework in the library. Upon returning home, she hopes to some day become a veterinarian.

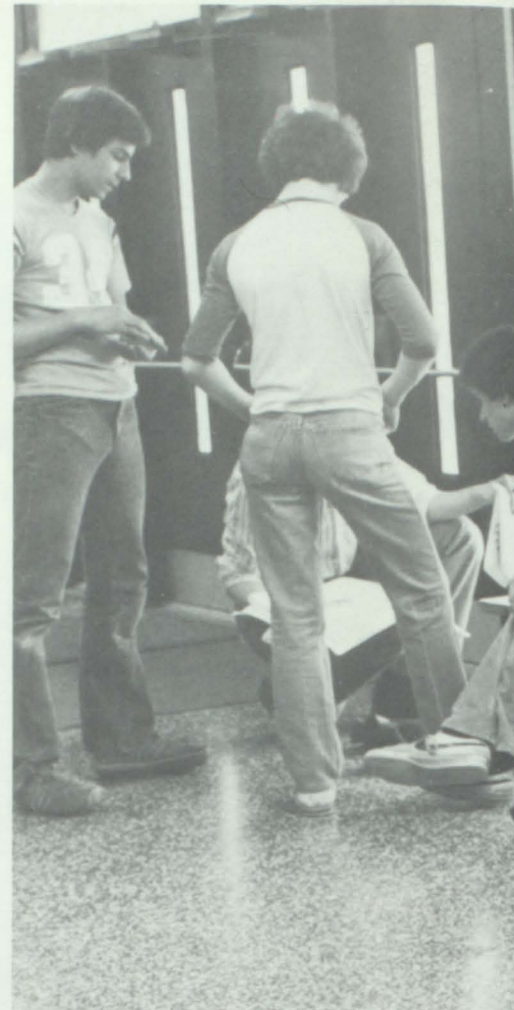
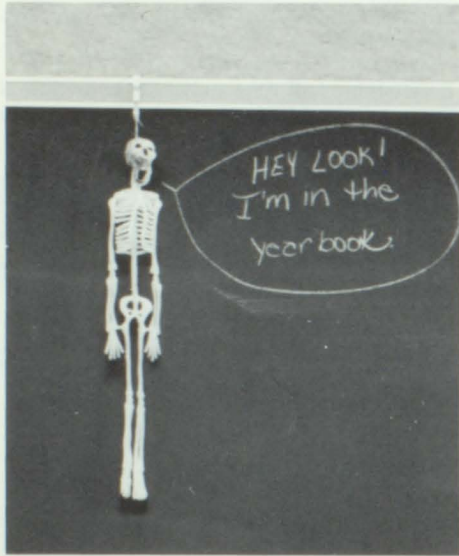
Creativity has not died out. Tactfully placed styrofoam cups surprised and pleased many football fans.



The lobby is a popular hang-out during study halls, lunch, and before and after school. It doesn't always beat the boredom, but it does allow a chance to socialize as this exclusively senior group is doing.

Concentration is displayed by senior Stacey Yoder when rehearsing for a half time performance.

Everyone wants to get into the act. No, not a student who failed to complete an assignment, just the little fellow that hangs around Miss Mary Zimmer's room.



Ravioli is a popular item in the ala-carte line. Donna Smith receives hers as Marcy Troyer still tries to make up her mind.

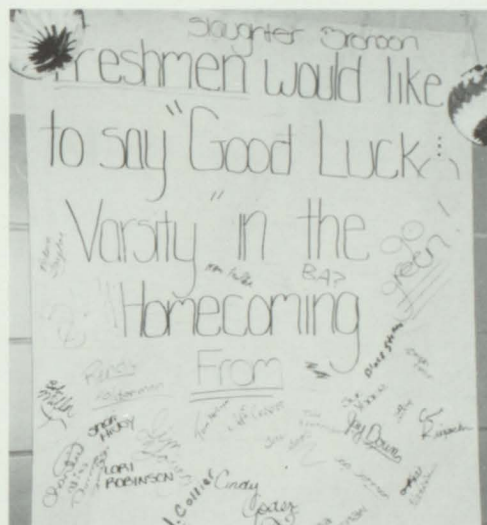
Careful not to spill any water, Janet Hostetler empties her cup into Chris Hackett's during the Bucket Brigade.



Gold Fever

Now, over a century later, the fever has taken possession of the 663 students who crowd the halls of the 12-year old school building. It envelops them with a determination to do their best; like the time the band marched on to a first division rating at the state competition. It motivates faculty, as well as students, to become involved; like the time they defeated the WRBR Golden Gunners by two points. It fills the air with a spirit and excitement that has the power to make rival schools tremble; like the time the boys' varsity basketball team came back to defeat the Goshen Redskins after losing to them in the first game of the season, and walked away with the holiday tourney trophy.

The fever is still contagious. Those who falter still get swept up in the whirlwind. And there's still no cure for it. After panning for, and finding that first gold nugget, silver and bronze are not as precious. That's why everyone is still caught up in the gold rush.



In the spirit week's attempt to get the football team fired up, freshmen offered their good luck wishes by signing a poster.

Movies are a welcome break from lectures for the teacher as well as the students. Mr. Don Lanctot prepares to show one to his freshman class.




STUDENT LIFE

It may not be as popular as the Superbowl, or as glamorous as the Miss America Pageant, but it kicks off the year with excitement and the undying spirit of competition. What is it? It's homecoming. And it's only the beginning of student life.

Student Life is the Spirit Week that left few students disappointed about the cancelled floats. It's the Winter Homecoming and the Valentine's Day telegram delivery that were snowed out, but took place a week later. It's the Prom, the play, the convocations. It's signing yearbooks, selecting class rings, trading pictures, ordering graduation announcements. It's the senior guy's pyramid at the basketball games. In fact, it's every part of the student that's not seen when hidden behind a desk.

Oh, trying to keep up with the rush of Student Life may not always be easy, but as someone once said, "If you can't beat them, join them."



Spirit Weeks were a big part of Student Life. Instead of the usual "dress-up" days, activities were planned that would encourage more people to become involved. The Bucket Brigade included ten from each grade and pitted them against the other three grades in a cold, wet competition.

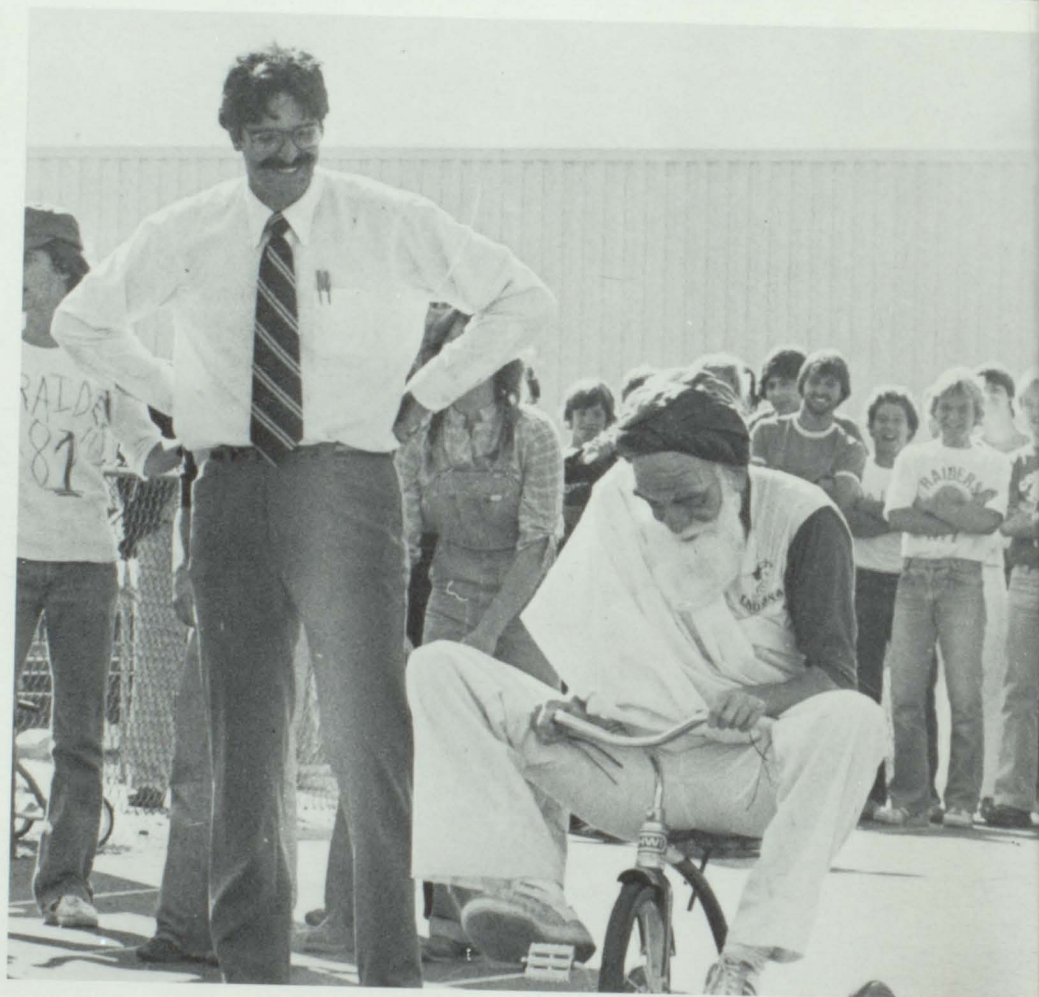
The Tug-of-War over the mud was won by the team of seniors. The entire student body assembled outside to watch the contest.

Sophomores Dina Bloss and Lee Braddock made a team as they reach for the ball in Piggyback Basketball.



Excitement grows as Jeff Miller (better known as "Squatto") and Lisa Pratt race in the Wagon Race.

Trying to find the pedals is Ayatollah Khomeini, disguised with Doug Peachy's body, helping the seniors place third in this event.



No, we are not being invaded by martians — just Dennis Graber showing his spirit.



The final reward for a long week of fun and games is evident on Greg Slabach's face. The cream "pie in the eye" was appropriately placed by the Senior "Rowdies" as Spirit Week came to a close.



Catching that Raider Spirit

What is spirit? Is it the pom poms waved frantically by students cheering the team on? Is it the pyramids built by that lively booster club? Or maybe the students joining in with the band for the school song? Spirit really is all of the above plus much more. You can't explain it by things done — only the feelings felt.

Feelings of spirit grew each day as class competitions encouraged students to participate in the Bucket Brigade, Wagon Race, Tug-of-War, Piggyback Basketball, and the class hall decorations. Each team had their

share of experiences, such as when the handlebars came off the sophomore's tricycle, the "successful" method used by Curtis Stump and Joy Kauffman in the Wagon Race contributing to the junior's losing effort, and the sore shoulders of the boys supporting the girls in Piggyback Basketball.

Despite the final tally of points revealing that the sophomores had won, each class enjoyed the activities and helped Northridge become "caught up" in the spirit for the fall football Homecoming.



You can't see his real expression but Pat Yowell must be having fun as he helps the seniors receive a first place in hall decorations.

Exuberance is an outstanding feature of Homecoming games as shown by the spirit line.

Mr. Dan Shroyer collects votes from Cindy Terry and Tim Weaver.



Some New Additions to an Old Tradition

Homecoming this year was a new experience for all involved. Floats were cancelled and a new way to show spirit was found. Each class decorated a hall to suggest a holiday. The senior theme, which won, was Halloween, followed by the juniors who's theme was Valentine's Day, the sophomores who chose Thanksgiving, and the freshmen who had Christmas. The hall by the gym

was done by everyone. Class competition was also involved during Spirit Week through activities organized by Joe Sanford and Dexter Prough, along with the help of Mr. Dan Shroyer, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Stahley, and many of the members of the Student Council. The win over Bronson 21-0 and the choice of Susie Adamson as queen put a great end to the week.



Homecoming queen Susie Adamson takes a moment to rest after the excitement of being crowned.



Queen contestants Ann Ludwig, Linda Kauffman, Mary Yoder, and Susie Adamson stand with Kris Harper, junior, Darlene Neuman, sophomore, and Cindy Yoder, freshman, members of the queen's court.

Disbelief shows on the face of Susie Adamson while pride shines in the eyes of her escort, Jeff James.

Yahoo! It's Twinkie the Kid! This Twinkie will fill someone's face with pure bliss!



Teachers can get hooked too, as shown by Don Lanctot, Mary Zimmer, and Lynn Thomas.

Steph Smith fulfills her junk food needs by visiting the school snack machine.



Hooked on a Habit

One of America's biggest habits is one found in all classes. It is a habit of both the rich and the poor, young and old, male and female. Although this habit can be dangerous, it is not illegal. What is it? Eating junk food, of course!

No matter where a person goes in today's world, junk foods are right with him. Potato chips, pretzels, corn chips, crackers, and tortilla chips are all junk foods. However, the junk foods that people consume the

greatest amount of are those with sugar. Americans especially have a sweet tooth, as seen by the number of people who walk down the halls at school eating cookies and drinking pop.

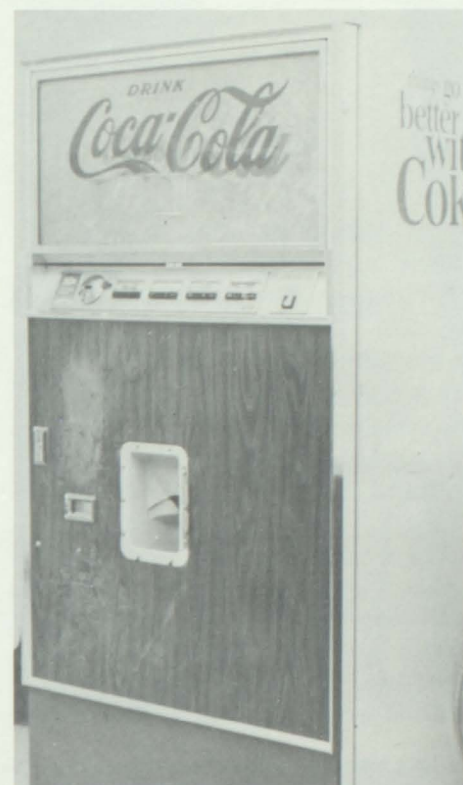
One of the greatest attractions of the school cafeteria is its chocolate chip cookies. Students and teachers alike swarm the cafeteria, both before and after lunch, hoping for some cookies before going back to

class. After school, the center of attention is the concession room where students can buy candy bars, potato chips, pop, and other types of junk food.

Although overdoing the junk food can lead to obesity and poor health, moderate amounts won't hurt. So have a seat, lean back, take your shoes off, and have a cookie. You'll be surprised how fast your troubles will leave.



A cold glass of bubbly pop makes everything go down better.



The contentment on Jill Zebel's face comes from her sweet tooth's fulfillment.

Easy access of such items makes junk food consumption a hard habit to kick.

Students from every class attended the Semi-formal. Here, couples seem to be enjoying themselves and the music.



Looking especially pleased with himself is Jay Boughner as he dances with his date Kim Weaver.

Helping out with the ticket sales are Sandra Miller, Lori Robinson, Becky Bowman, and Cindy Miller.





Loving the World Away

On March 7, 1981 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. a dance of a different sort took place in the cafeteria at NHS. The Semi-formal is unlike any other dance held during the year at Northridge. It's organized by Student Council members and class officers from the freshman and sophomore classes. This year they chose the theme "Love the World Away" for the special night. Music was provided by WRBR.

Tickets for the dance were sold during the week at the school and they were also sold at the door. Posters were hung throughout the

school and announcements were made practically every day. Many students were busy with preparations for the big Saturday night!

The Semi-formal is a popular event at Northridge. It's slightly better attended by the underclassmen although many of the upperclassmen attend also. Everyone seems to enjoy shedding the usual jeans and T-shirts or sweaters worn at most of the dances and replacing them with dresses and high heels or suits and ties. Besides, where else can a guy take a girl and only have to spend four dollars?



Looking for someone fellas? Here, Rob Buller and Ken Beachy appear to be searching for someone — their dates perhaps?

Service with a smile! Tamie Hawkins seems eager to sell Kevin Bontrager his tickets to the Semi-Formal as Jeff Fingerle looks on.

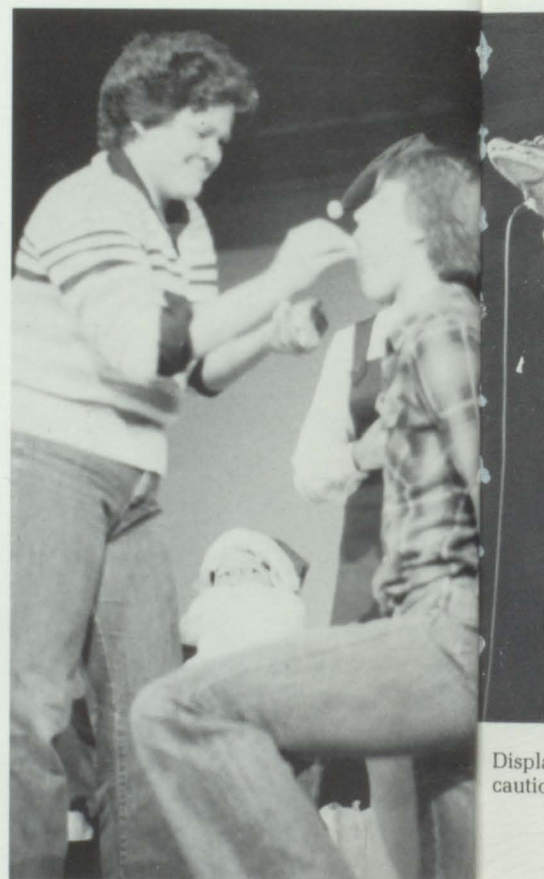
For Your Entertainment

Giving students a break from the monotonous schedule of classes, entertaining them to make them smile, giving them a chance to recognize their own goals and accomplishments: That's what convocations are all about. Entertaining students this year was an easy job for a music group called "Freedom Jam", who played top hits off the American charts and also threw in some skits they worked up themselves. The following night they gave an hour and a half concert that was as well-attended as their convocation. Displaying reptiles in a way of caution and care was reptile specialist Chuck Naidl who also added a bit of comedy relief to his show. Also entertaining and amazing students was magician Dick Oslund. During the winter months the school held some convocations for the winter sports teams to recognize outstanding players and their coaches.



Becoming Santa Claus for a day doesn't seem to bother Carmon Cripe as he reaches in his bag for another prize.

Taking part in a contest in which marshmallows are the main course are Tamra Hershberger and Gregg Eash.



Displaying caution



The most popular convocation held was a group called "Freedom Jam" who played some of the top hits for the student body. Doing one of their skits are group members Mark Ward, Ron Carithers, and Skeeter Barkley.

Playing double roles for the group "Freedom Jam" is Dave Kennedy who kept the beat on the drums but also did some sound effects for their skits.



Trying to find a seat for a convocation can be as much fun as the show itself. Here some students are finding that out.

Displaying reptiles in an informative yet cautious way is Chuck Naidl.

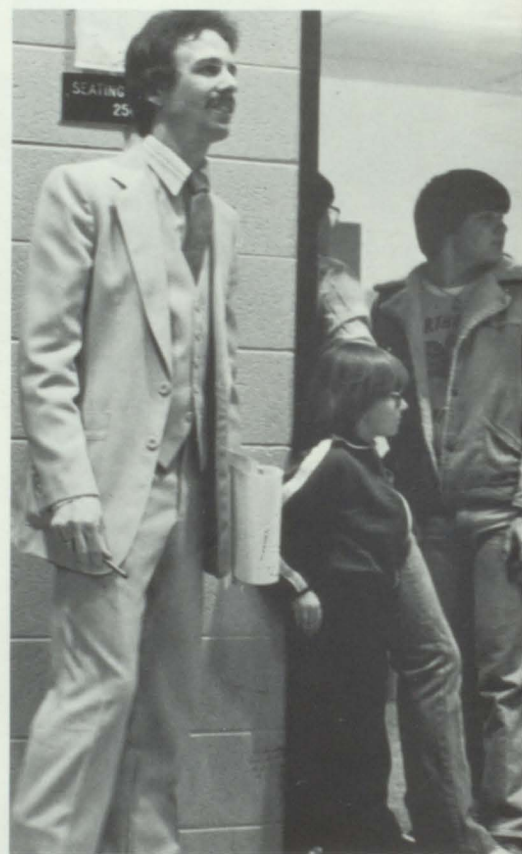


All are waiting expectantly to see who Miss Junior Miss Tamie Braddock will crown as the 1981 Winter Homecoming king. Candidates and escorts are: Julie Bryant, Wayne Nethercutt, Suzy Adamson, A. Dean Yoder, Linda Kauffman, Phil Schwartz, Stacey Yoder and Greg Slabach.



What a star! Senior Wayne Nethercutt, chosen by the student body to reign as king, pauses with escort Julie Bryant all smiles.

The man in charge of the whole affair is Student Council advisor Mr. Dan Shroyer, who introduced the candidates and announced the king.



Taking his first royal walk is king Wayne Nethercutt along with escort Julie Bryant.



LONG LIVE THE KING!

Many things are the same when planning the fall and winter Homecomings. The candidates must be chosen and voted on, escorts must be chosen and voted on, escorts must be picked, flowers must be ordered, and music must be planned. The only things that are different are the sport and the sex of the student being crowned.

The candidates chosen from the senior class were: Wayne Nethercutt, Phil Schwartz, Greg Slabach, and A. Dean Yoder. Their escorts were: Julie Bryant, Linda Kauffman, Stacey Yoder, and Suzy Adamson respectively. Underclassmen represen-

tatives and escorts were: junior, Kevin Bontrager and Kim Davis; sophomore, Wayne Yoder and Misi Yoder, and freshman, Leroy Kopf and Lori Robinson.

Due to an unexpected snow storm and a "badly needed" week off of school, the Homecoming was postponed from February 20 to the 26th when the basketball team played Prairie Heights. Because of the postponement, there was no dance after the game, but the evening ended "happily ever after" with a victory over the Panthers, and Wayne Nethercutt having been chosen king.



The announcement is made and escorts and candidates offer their congratulations to the surprised king chosen by his peers.

There was no dance following the Homecoming victory because it had already taken place one week earlier, on the date Homecoming had originally been planned. Seniors Jeff Miller and Patsy Yoder dance a slow dance to a song played by the WNDU disc jockey.

Feature

His hat perched at just the right angle, Ken McCreary creates his own special look of class.

It's hard to tell from her face what Becky Stout is thinking here but those Doritos sure look good.



Looking Good!

A person is capable of telling everyone just how he feels without uttering a word. How is this possible? By using facial expressions, of course! Smiles, frowns, pouts, and grins, they're all facial expressions. These expressions and many, many more are seen every day in the school halls. When a teacher walks down the hall with a frown on his face, it's sure to be a rough day. But when the person

sitting next to you flashes you a grin during a tough math test, it makes your spirits rise.

It has been said that first impressions are often based on appearance and a smile is certainly more attractive than a frown. So the next time it becomes difficult to put feelings into words, forget about words, and use your face instead.

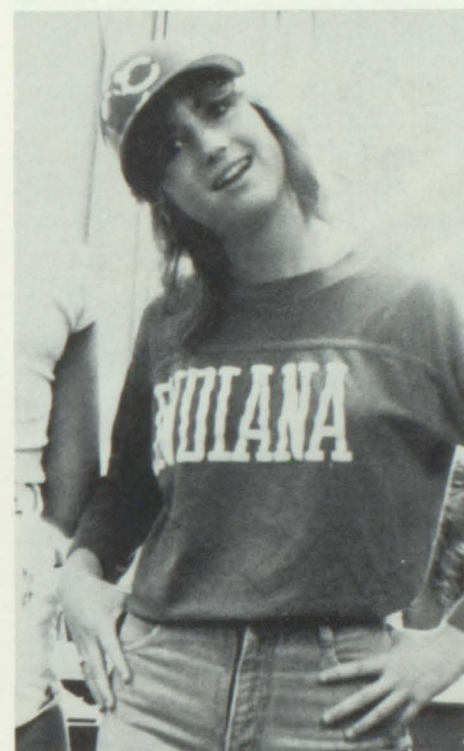


What in the world? Kathy Cuthbert's face is showing what seems to be a wide variety of emotions.



Is that Rick Grewe behind those Foster Grants? It must be him along with Bob Deters during a junior dress-up day.

An Indiana shirt and a Cardinal baseball cap have Lori Puckett looking so confused!



Smile girls, you're on Candid Camera! Missy Mahaffa and Toni Rutherford sure don't appear to be camera shy!



Diana Deveroux (Stacey Yoder) looks to Senator Lyons (Dennis Graber) in her time of crisis.

Wintergreen — The Flavor Lasts!

The 1980 election fell upon the nation, and with it, its promises and problems. That's why the musical "Of Thee I Sing" fit in perfectly with the times. The play was a political satire, which often cut down the Senate, the Supreme Court, and most of all the virtually unknown vice-president.

The platform for the mock election was, very simply, one word love. The conflict arose when a competition was held to elect a "Miss White House" to marry the promising candidate for president, John P. Wintergreen. The lovely Miss Diana Deveroux was chosen, but Wintergreen had already made up his mind to marry his secretary-the

efficient Miss Mary Turner. This action paved the way for threats, severed foreign relations, and nearly his impeachment, as the beautiful blossom of the South spread the story of how she was so cruelly jilted.

However, all did end happily. Twins were born to the president and his wife, and the neglected vice-president Alexander Throttlebottom, finally received recognition as he was assigned to take over the duty the president had failed to complete — that of marrying Miss Deveroux.

The play was directed by Miss Mary Zimmer, Mrs. Ellen Augustine, and Miss Mary Ulrey. Student director was Toni Rutherford.



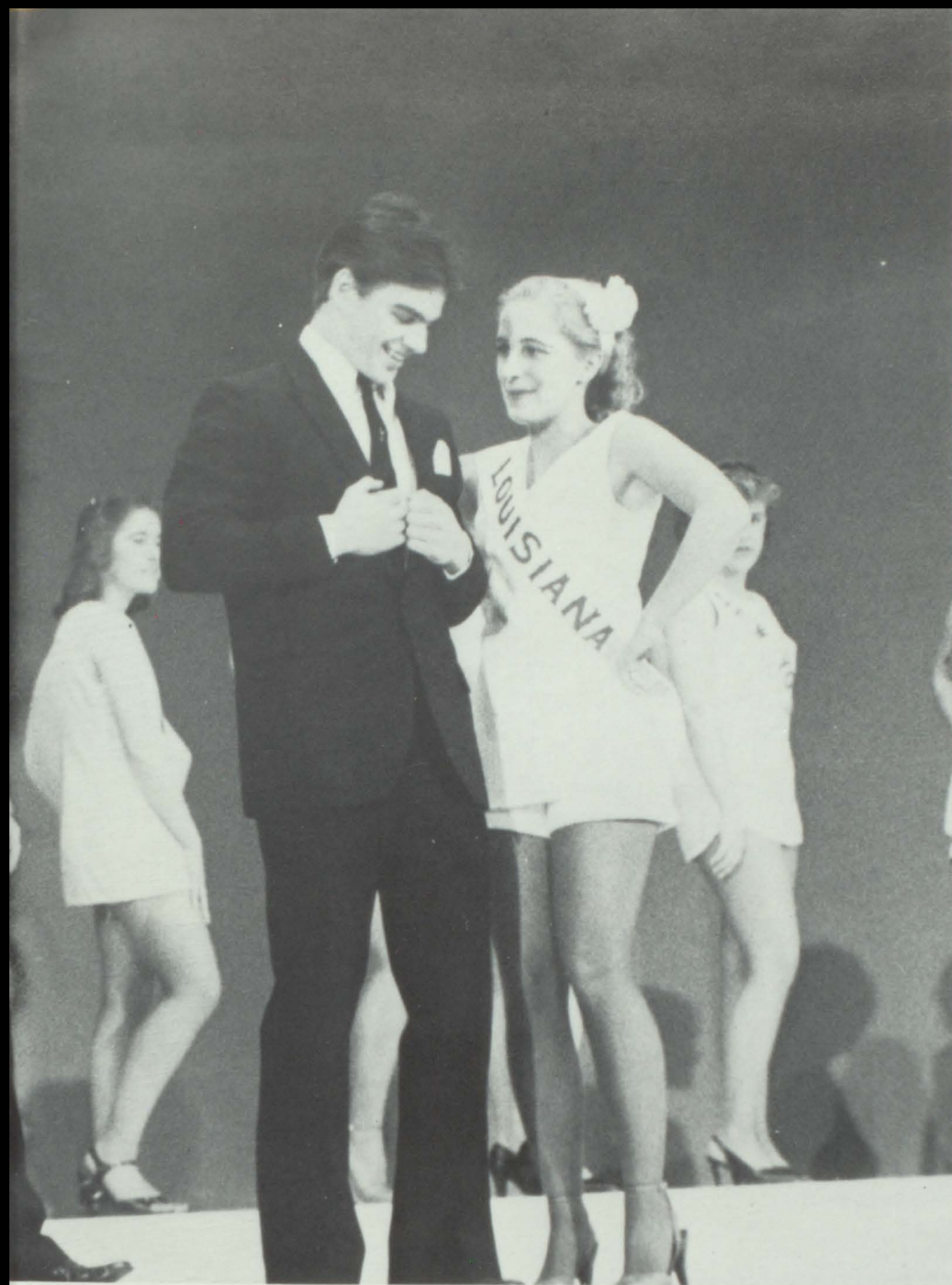
Beauty shines forth as Lori Gustafson applies make-up to Shelly Troyer's face.



The full cast gathers on the stage to sing "Posterity."

Harley Baker helps Todd Hruby prepare for his performance.





Diana Deveroux (Stacey Yoder) tries to tempt her way into the White House as Wintergreen's (Cletis Miller) wife.

Wintergreen (Cletis Miller) and Mary Turner (Liz Galt) stand on their one word platform while Senators Lyons (Dennis Graber) and Jones (Scott Tilley) look on.



Wrestlers John Miller and Kevin Davis go into action while committee members watch.

Steph Smith, Judi Carpenter, and 1980 graduate Heidi Bauer, three members of the little seen but loudly heard pit band, practice.

Distinguished Faculty?

Once again, the faculty had a hit with their play. Their performance of "Bye-Bye Birdie" may have brought a few raised eyebrows from professionals, but everyone involved enjoyed themselves.

For the first time in the history of the faculty play, students were members of the cast, as well as stage

crew members.

People involved included faculty from the elementary schools as well as from Heritage. Also included, of course, were students and faculty from Northridge. Proceeds from the play go toward scholarships for seniors interested in education careers.



Teenage fans watch adoringly as Conrad Birdie prepares a meal.



"You're my steady", assures Hugo's girlfriend.



Conrad Birdie (Mr. Dennis McCrumb) poses for a picture as fans look on.

"But I'm 32!" protests a 16 year old Hugo (Mr. Chris Colburn).



The life of a teenager is shown during telephone talk time.

Albert Peterson's new secretary has many hidden talents. She tap dances and does the splits. Getting up is another story.



Citizens look on as the mayor presents Conrad Birdie with a key to the city.

Will You Be Mine?

Valentine's Day! A day of sunshine and flowers. Throughout the school halls are paper hearts and cupids. Many students wear pins on their shirts or jeans. Couples wander through the halls, making elaborate plans for their Valentine's date. It is the day when everyone has someone to love and love is expressed to all.

This is the second year Northridge has contributed to these expressions of love by allowing the Lance staff to deliver Valentine messages to students. These messages can be said or sung, and some are even delivered with lollipops! Teachers only smile when these messages are delivered, for on this day, more than any other, the old saying is true. Everyone does love a lover!

The note must be touching as all are listening intently to the note of Brian Breniser's admirer.



A nice substitute for the thirty dollars you might have to pay for a dozen roses is a homemade heart tree.

Dressed in boxer shorts and heart pins are Scott Zirkle, Suzie Bontrager, Scott Tilley, Ron Troyer, and Stacey Yoder as they deliver with gusto the Valentine Grams.





This is where it all started — ordering the Valentine Grams for your loved one as Ken Beachy and Cory O'Dell are doing from Ron Troyer.

★ Grams ★

You, you're the one.
 You are the one I care for.
 You, you're the one.
 The one I do my hair for.
 Oh (name), you make this
 day, worth living for.
 You're why I come to school,
 Even if it's a bore.
 Oh, dear (name),
 I do it all for you.

5. The chorus from:
 "You Light Up My Life."

4. Sung to "McDonald's Song."

When picking "just the right" message for your sweetie, prices ranged from a dollar for the musical notes, fifty cents for the written grams and twenty-five cents more with a lollipop.

Curiosity mingled with happiness is seen on Randy Wilson's face when being sung to.

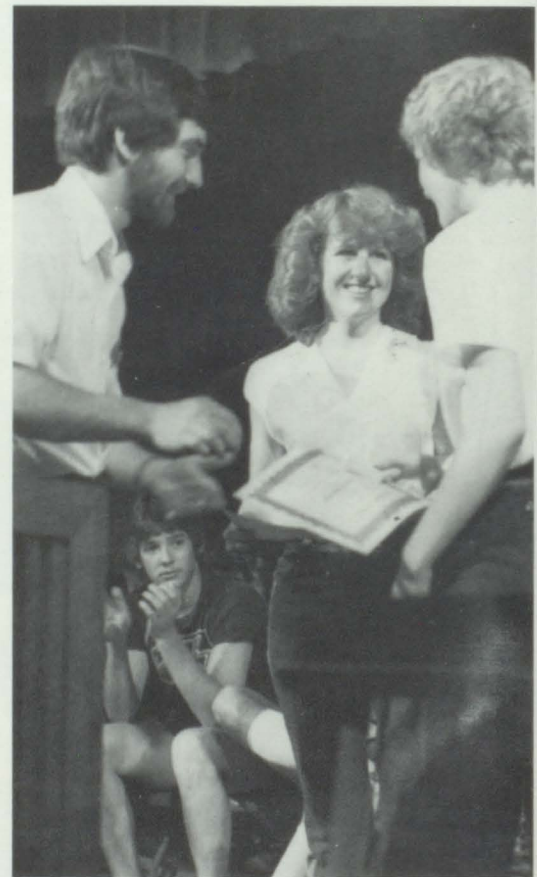
As a result of many years of hard work and continuous practice, these five students received the top music awards: Dennis Graber, Arion Award; Cletis Miller, Choral Award; Monica Warstler, Outstanding Marching Band Member; Greg Sevison, John Phillips Sousa Award; Elizabeth Galt, Underclassman Award.

Three years of faithful study pay off at last for junior Jerri Schultz while receiving an award for her "excellence" in Spanish.



A hand shake of gratitude and congratulations is exchanged between N.H.S. teacher Mr. Dennis McCrumb and Tamra Hershberger when Tamra is awarded the M.C.C.T.A. scholarship grant.

Mr. Leonard Beechy, yearbook sponsor, presents editors Ann Ludwig and Natalie Smith with a certificate and pin for their dedication.

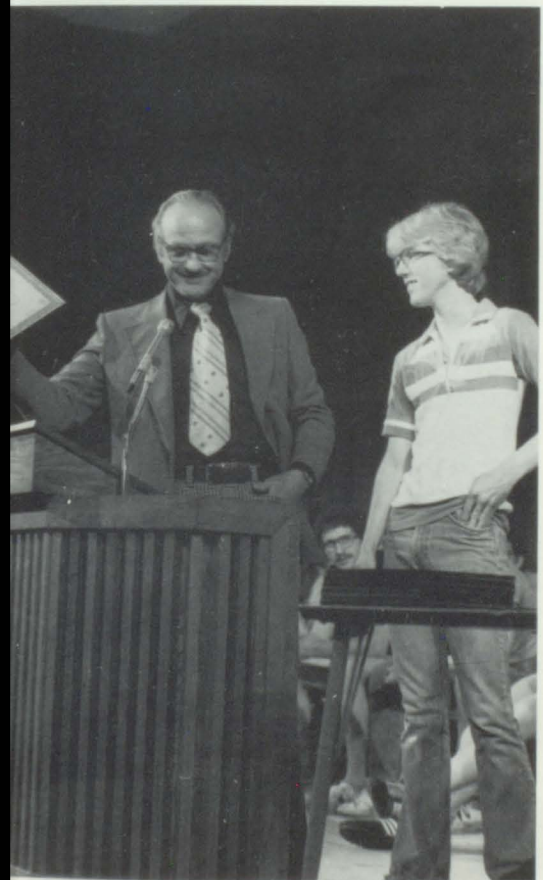




The Final Payoff

All the hard work, a life-time of dedication put toward the achievement of a single goal: to give it all you've got and be number one. Each year Northridge has the distinct honor of presenting its top students with tokens of recognition for their outstanding efforts. All through life these excellent students, each a specialist in his own area, have worked hard and given it their "all". Now, at long last, it begins to pay off. They have reached their immediate goals

and are now striving to apply all of their skills and knowledge to the new life awaiting each of them. The awards received by these students are merely small tokens of the achievement in their chosen areas of study, but the intention and meaning of the award is always the same no matter how large or small. It seems to say this: Northridge is proud of the standard of excellence maintained by its students!

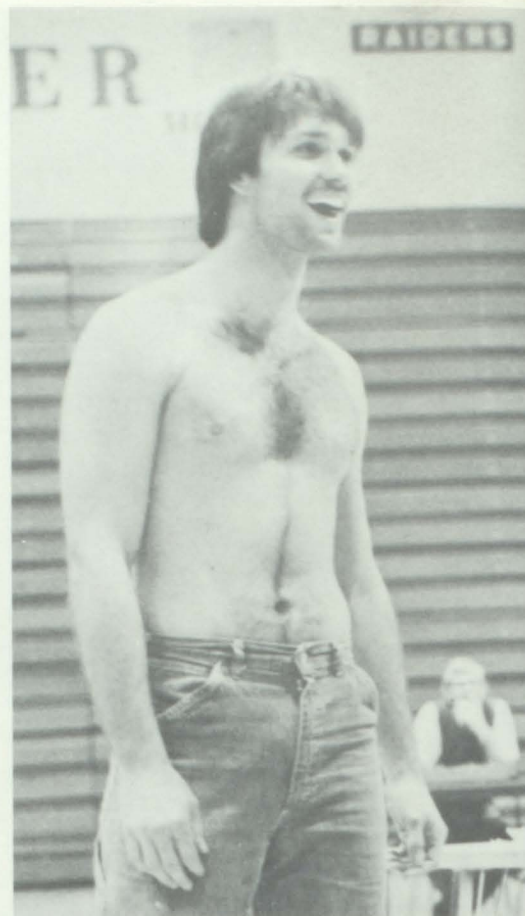


This year, the honor of presenting Mr. Pratt with the track team's trophy for the Concord Relay championship is given to Mike Galt and Keith Gingerich.

An eager Tim Weaver anxiously awaits the presentation of his much deserved "Best Draftsman" award for Elkhart County from the Career Center.

Bodies beautiful Steve Petersen, Scott Graber, and Wayne Yoder show off their hairy chests. The winner? Steve Petersen.

Extreme suction is needed to hold onto the ping-pong ball as Susan Hayes discovered.



They Call It Spirit

Through tradition, the week before the basketball sectional is called Spirit Week. In the past, Spirit Week consisted of "dress-up" days. This year a new approach was tried. Instead of dressing up, each class participated in different games every day. On Monday the classes competed in class challenges. Tuesday was the day for the obstacle course, while Wednesday was the ping-pong relay. Thursday was a day for relays — the scooter relays. The week end-

ed on Friday with the ever-popular piggyback basketball.

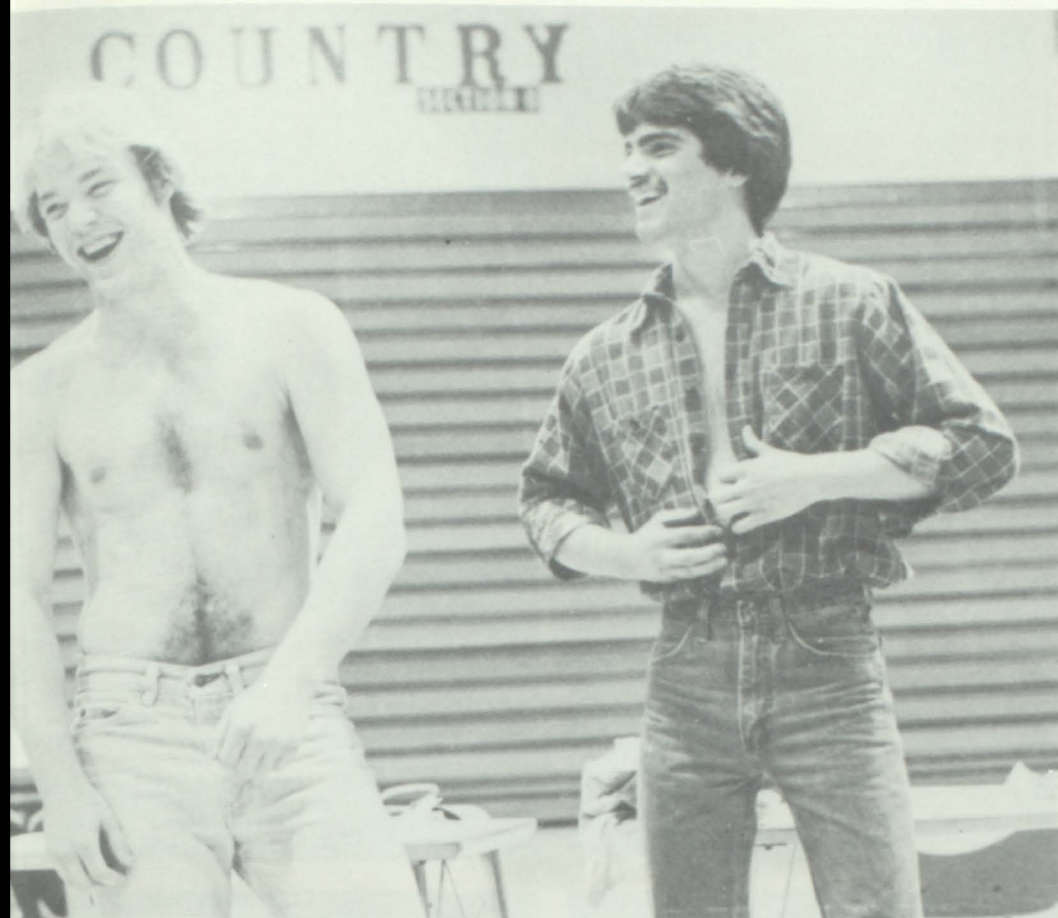
Mr. Bruce Stahly, who helped the cheerleaders and Student Council organize the week, said that it was hoped that the activities would involve more students in Spirit Week. Each activity used the maximum number of students possible, and students did claim to enjoy the activities.

The seniors were the overall champions for the week.

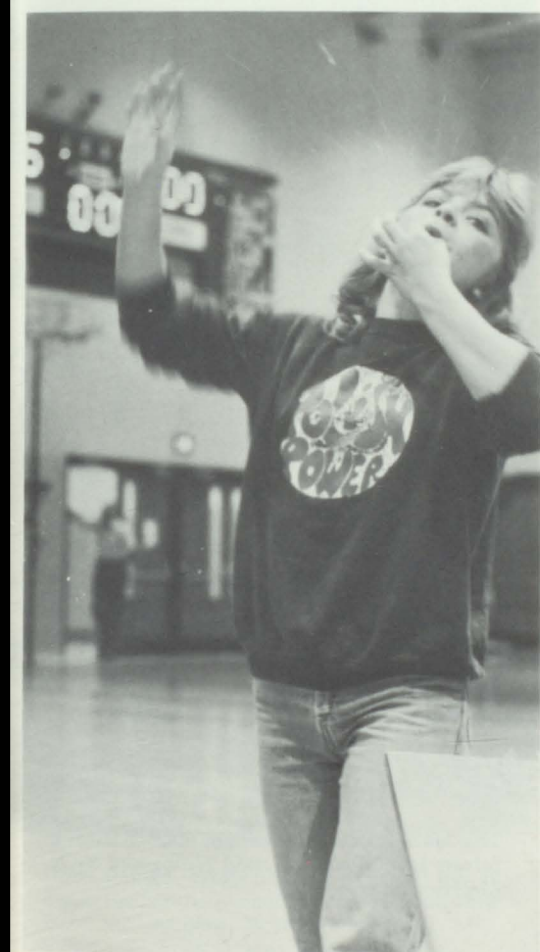
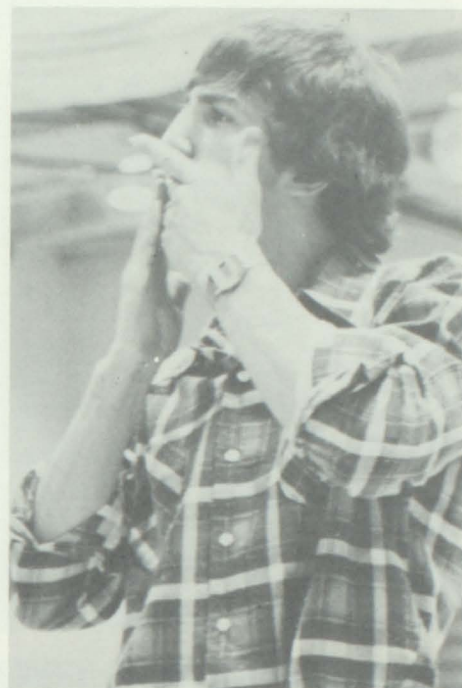


After participating in the coke guzzling contest, Pam Magyar catches her breath.

COUNTRY



Rumor has it that he once ate a "Funmeal" in four bites. No wonder Kent Kauffman won the banana eating contest so fast!



No, it's not flood season. It's Jack Rogers, Steve Ambrose, Gary Peters, and Dan Hostetler competing for the hairiest legs. Jack won it by the hair of his chinny-chin-chin.

After eating crackers and whistling, champion Linda Hoffman has a severe case of cotton mouth.

The King and Queen's dance is a tradition at Northridge. Here, Wayne Nethercutt and Ann Ludwig continue this tradition after being crowned by Mr. Don Weirich and Miss Gail Moody.

The punch bowl began to be a popular place as the evening wore on. Here, Tina Graber and Tim Gage take a short break to refresh themselves.



This picture taken from above the ballroom gives an overall view of the good time everyone seems to be having.

The delicious buffet served at the Century Center began the evening on the right note, even though there was a line.

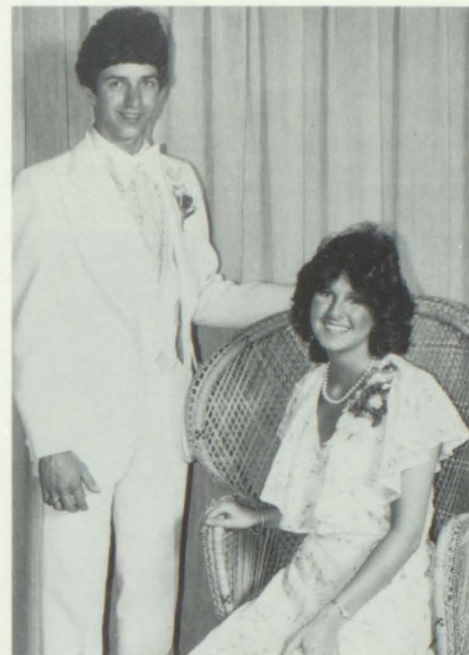


The dance floor is an excellent place to share a private joke as seniors Todd Hruby and Kelly Kopf demonstrate.



Tuxedos and long dresses don't seem to be stopping these couples from getting out on the dance floor.

After being chosen Prince and Princess of the Prom by the junior class, Bob Warstler and Kim Davis pose to have their picture taken.



Beautiful Illusions

Prom night, a night of romance, glamour, and enchantment. Sparkling eyes, bubbling laughter, and beautiful illusions all abound on this night. For students at Northridge, this magical night was Saturday, May 9, 1981. The Prom was held at the Century Center in South Bend in the downstairs ballroom overlooking the river. Iced blue and ivory were used to create the color scheme and the theme was "Love, Look What You've Done to Me."

The night began with a buffet dinner served at the Century Center after which the junior class officers presented a short skit entitled, "The Ten Commandments for Prom-goers." The dancing began soon afterwards. Many couples also took

advantage of the beautiful patio that overlooked the river. However, as soon as the rain began to fall, the dance floor became the most popular place to be.

After the dance was over, everyone drove back to Elkhart to the Concord Cinema for their private showing of the movie "Private Eyes" starring Tim Conway and Don Knotts. Luckily, the movie was a comedy and almost everyone was able to stay awake.

While some couples did keep up the tradition of continuing Prom night activities well into Sunday, the constant downpour of rain and the fact that Sunday was Mother's Day forced many couples to find their way home early.



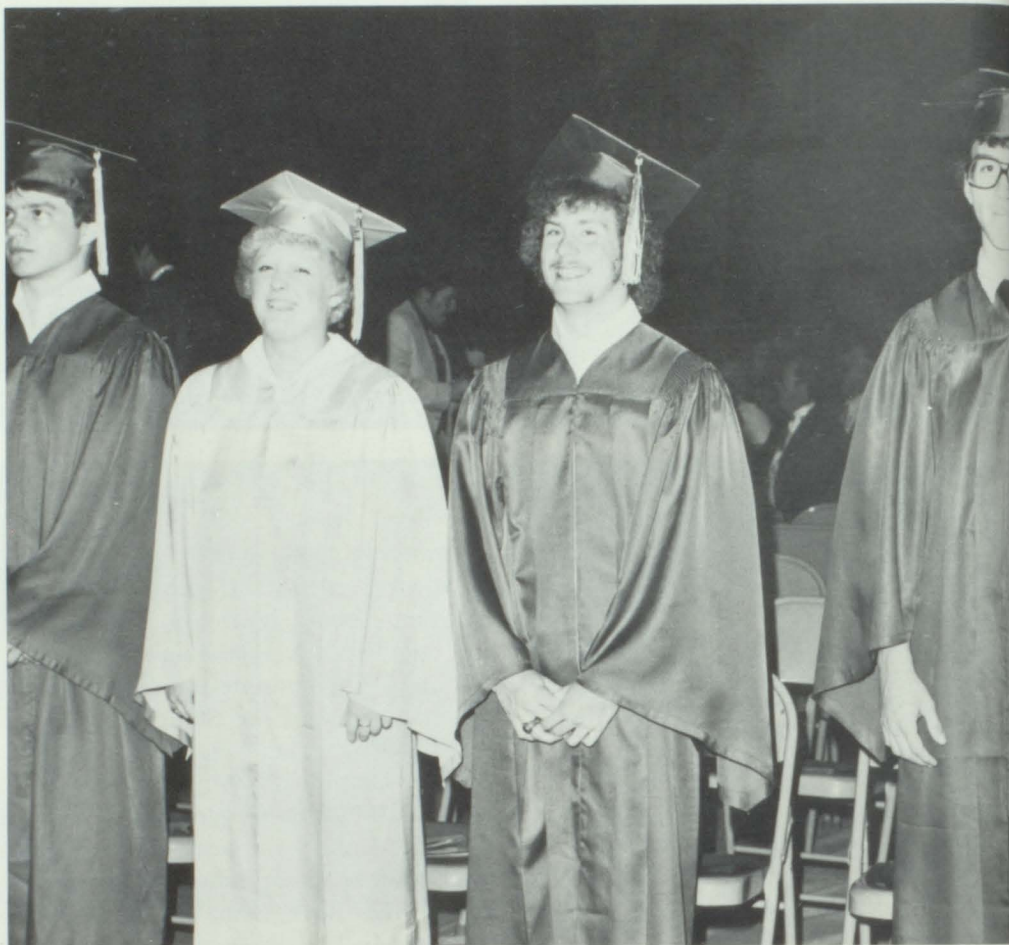
Even though everyone's all dressed up, it doesn't mean the element of humor is missing from the evening. Scott Hoover and Misi Yoder seem to be amused about something.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Terry reads off the names as School Board members present the diplomas.



After recalling the main events that influenced students' lives during the past four years, senior speaker Ann Ludwig concluded with a thank you to parents, teachers, and friends.

Emotions ranged from tears, to solemnness, to ecstasy. Here, Lori Gustafson and Tony Calabrese seem to be experiencing the latter, while Vice-President Jim Lantz seems to be feeling more solemn.

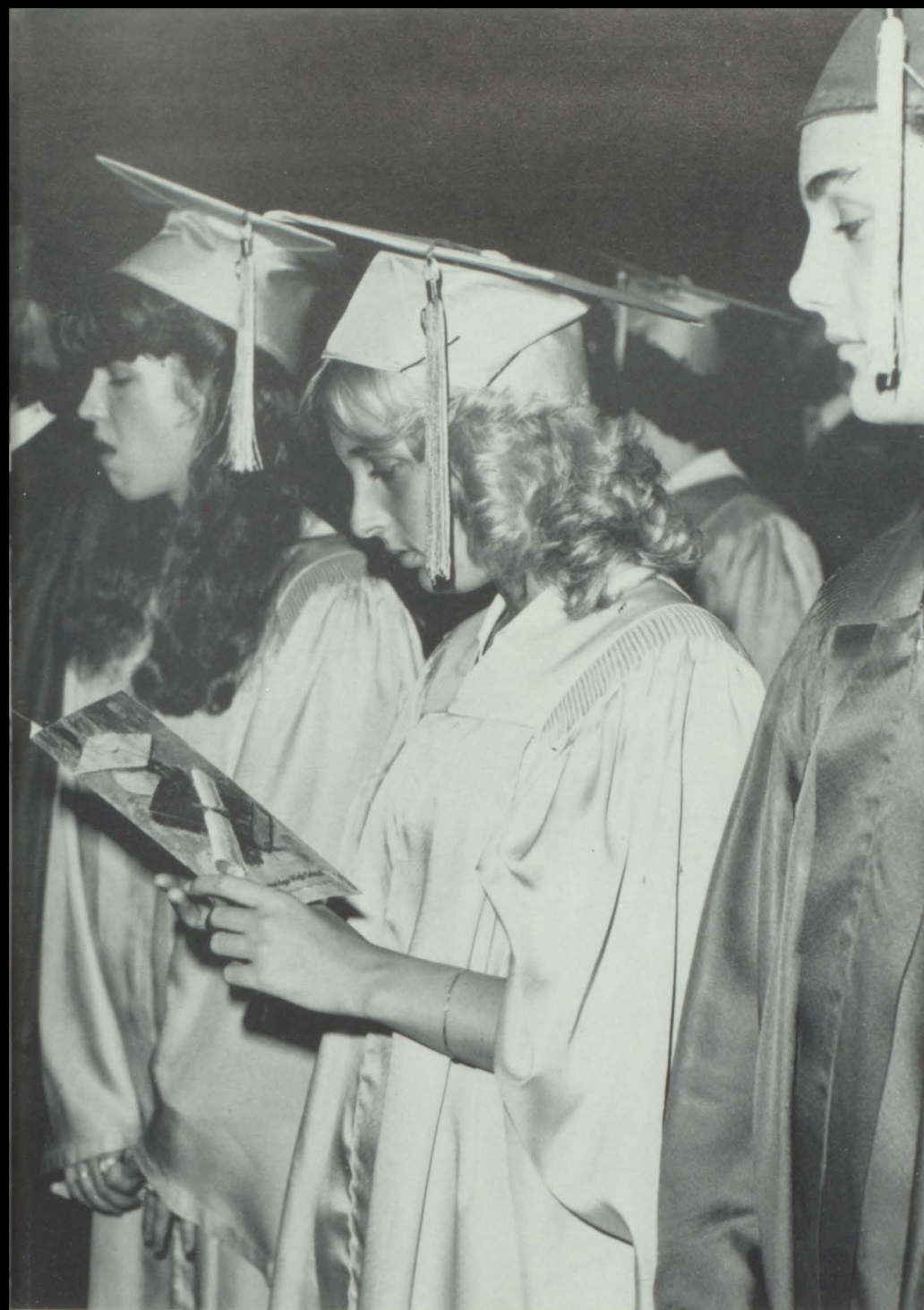


Ready
or Not . . .
Here
We Come

"The graduating class of '81 is ready for society, but is society ready for the class of '81?" joked Principal James McCormick. Ready, willing, and eager are all adjectives that could have described the graduating seniors on the evening of May 23. The ceremony began at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium. There were two student speakers, Cory O'Dell and Ann Ludwig. The guest speaker

was Dr. Robert Miller.

Many lasting memories were formed during the hour-and-a-half ceremony. Some areas of each graduate's life were left behind forever, but many more new opportunities and experiences were given a chance to grow. And so, the departure of the Class of '81 began a new chapter in each graduate's life and in the life of Northridge High School.



Taking a moment to read a program and reflect on the past four years are Stacey Yoder and Dave Lantz.

Congratulations, a handshake, and, of course, a diploma are given to senior class President Greg Slabach by School Board member Mr. Roger Krider.



Parents, relatives, and friends all assemble in the gym to attend the ceremony.



ORGANIZATIONS

As the nightmare unfolds, you are seated in the front row bleachers watching a ball game. Suddenly, you become thirsty, but when you go to buy a coke, no one is there to sell you one. During half time, you stare at an empty floor and tap your foot to the sound of your watch ticking. When the final buzzer blows declaring your team the winner, nobody cheers.

But that's where the clubs come in. Although often their jobs are overlooked or seem unimportant, almost everyone appreciates the coat check and concessions from the Service Club, the dances sponsored by the Student Council, the entertainment by the Pep Band, Auxiliary, and Sound of Friends, along with many others.

The clubs are keeping up with the rush by serving, supporting, and becoming involved. And that's what it's all about.



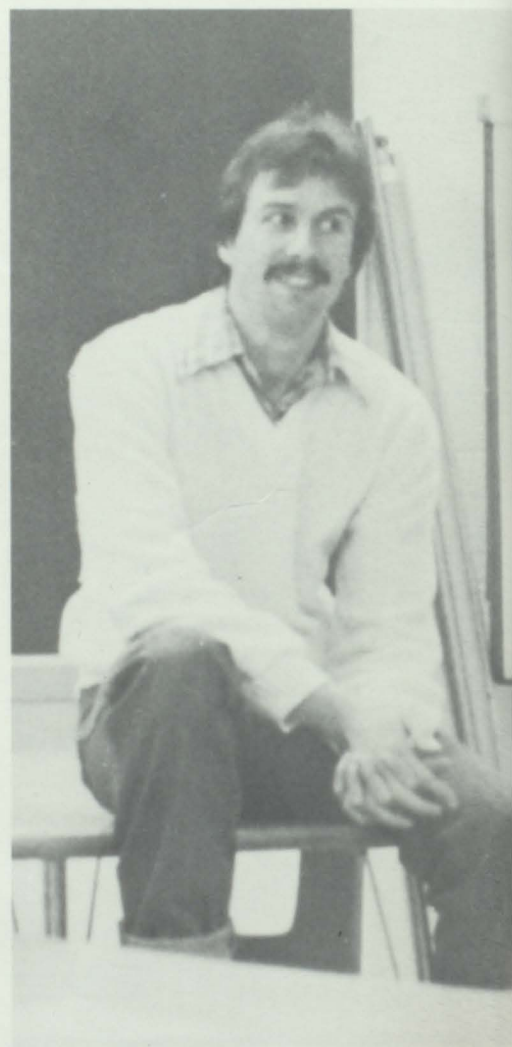
Auxiliary members get plenty of exercise during the football months. Class time is often spent outdoors polishing routines.

Attending a Student Council meeting are Cindy Yoder, Jay Boughner, Lori Robinson, Bob Warstler, and Mark Purdy. The Student Council met every other Wednesday throughout the school year.



One of the Student Council's activities boldly declares the pride at NHS. Council members met one Saturday morning armed with paint brushes and ready to work.

The Council's faculty advisor, Mr. Dan Shroyer, looks a little skeptical during a meeting. Someone getting a little carried away with a new idea perhaps?

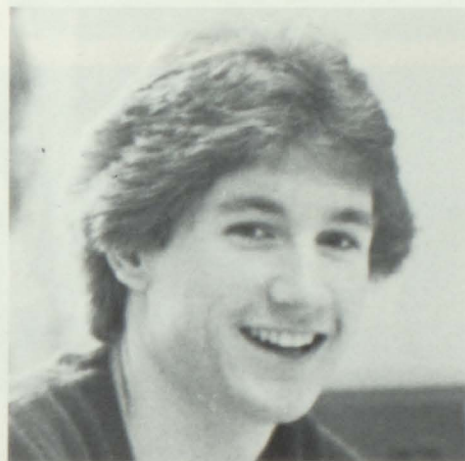
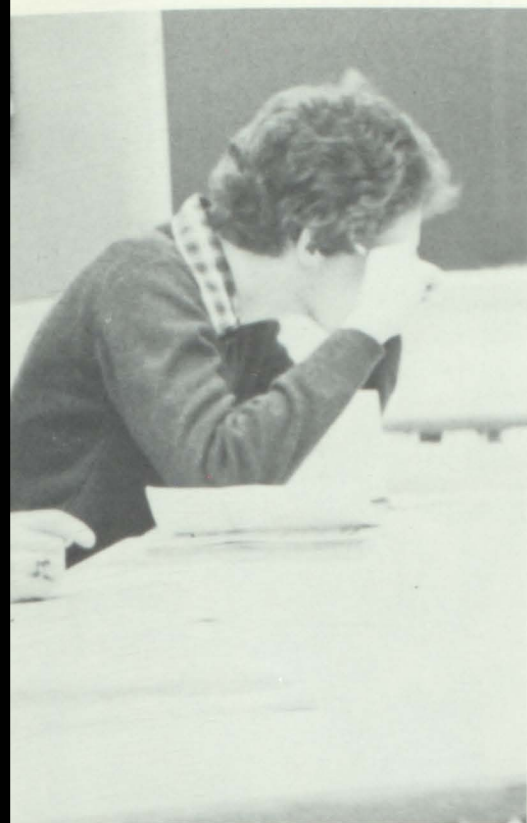


Student Council '81: Busy, Busy, Busy

The NHS Student Council was busy this year. They continued to sponsor the dances after the games and organize activities such as Homecoming, the various Parent's Nights, and the Semi-Formal. They also succeeded in substantially adding to their list of responsibilities. Spirit Week activities were created by Student Council members and proved to be a big success. The Student Council contributed greatly toward filling the school with Christmas spirit. They decorated the front lobby with mistletoe and even a Christmas tree! Santa arrived at NHS upon the request of the Student

Council and students were able to get their pictures taken with him. Upon the request of some of the students, the Student Council asked for and obtained permission to paint the wall of the gym above the home side bleachers with this slogan, "Raider Country."

It was a busy year for the members, who were chosen by their peers to represent their classes, but it was also a very rewarding year. Progress was made — and that's what the Northridge Student Council is all about. It's a group of students who are caught up in progression at NHS!



Student Council isn't all work. Mitch Slabach takes some time out to flash a big smile!

Student Council officers, V.P. Greg Slabach, Pres. Steve Petersen, and Sec. Ann Ludwig appear to be listening attentively to a new idea, or maybe an old problem.

Front row: Becky Bowman, Jay Boughner, Paul Collier, Lori Robinson, Cindy Yoder.

Second row: Scott Tilley, Cindy Miller, Mitch Slabach, Sandra Miller, Tina Troyer, Mark Purdy.

Third row: Jim Lantz, Patty Yoder, Sec. Ann Ludwig, Pres. Steve Petersen, V.P. Greg Slabach, Bob Warstler.

Fourth row: Joe Sanford, Treas. Ken Beachy, Kevin Bontrager, Dexter Prough.



The senior Booster Club members are looked to for spirit and leadership. Leading the club in a cheer is Tony Bontrager, Tim Copeland, and Ron Hout.

Members of the Booster Club and Raiderettes contribute in ways other than cheering, like sweeping the floor, for instance, as Ron Hout and Tim Gage are doing.



During warm-up time, Dave Hunt poses as the Raider mascot, and once had a sword fight with Panther mascots from a rival school.



Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Whether the victory is secured, or all hope is lost, the job of the Booster Club and Raiderettes is to stand behind the team and cheer them on.

Although the Booster Club often turns their backs on the opposing team's line-up, the Raiders always receive a standing ovation.



Spirit? We Got It! Wind It Up and Let It Show!

What caused a group of junior guys to wear togas to school on the Friday of sectionals? What caused Scott Zirkle to wear sunglasses and a basketball on his head to a game? What brought out all the T-shirts, sport coats, ties and pompons? Spirit, that's what.

Spirit comes in all shapes and sizes. It doesn't discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or grade point average. Anyone with the enthusiasm can be a part of the Raiderettes or Booster Club.

In addition to some of the more traditional events like running to sectionals and building pyramids, some new things were added. The Clubs sold pompons for fifty cents and built a "castle" for the players to run through. The Clubs also agreed to help with tasks such as sweeping the gym floor and singing along during the National Anthem.

No matter what ways were found of expressing spirit, the support was evident, and that's the whole purpose of the clubs.

Sectional night packs the Northside gym. Even NHS students unable to buy season tickets are sometimes able to get past ushers to sit with the group and share their spirit.

Although the exhibition performance at Rice Field was described by one member as "humiliating," the performance at the local contest "went pretty well" and qualified them for state.



French braids became popular among auxiliary members with long hair who needed to keep it under their hats. Here Steph Smith finishes Sherri Sevison's hair.

The pace slows down and much of the movement stops during "Let It Be Me."



Chin in, head up, eyes forward. It's not always easy to keep these positions when there are distractions, but the concentration on Cheri Tharp's and Dave Lantz's face shows that it can be done.



As the band prepares to enter the field at the state contest, Linda Kauffman awaits the moment at well-drilled attention.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

The theme of the marching band was not hard to figure out. It appeared on sweatshirts, key chains, stickers, just about everywhere. It was the red, blue, yellow, and green of a rainbow.

The "Raider Rainbow Connection" started as usual with selecting drum majors (Cory O'Dell and Dennis Graber), band camp, drilling, and the beginnings of the pre-game show. But they went a long way from there. Tuesday and Thursday night rehearsals readied them for the local marching band contest. There they earned a first division rating, but were informed that because of a rule violation, they would be given a second. Miss Ulrey protested that the rule was unclear and the dispute was settled in favor of the band. They then went on to earn a first division rating at the state level.

The band also played selected pieces on the "Bravo" T.V. show, and later Miss Ulrey and new assistant Richard Lindsay appeared on the "Good Morning Michiana" talk show.

The band performed their contest show at half-time on Goshen's Foreman Field, and for the student body during spirit week. But it may never have been so spectacular as the night of homecoming. Only a couple of hours before the game the storm clouds parted, and a rainbow appeared in the sky.



The rifle corps sways to the music as senior Greg Sevison plays his solo in the contest piece "I Sing The Body Electric."

Parade rest: not quite as uncomfortable as "attention," but definitely not as relaxed as "at ease." The band awaits their turn to take the field and perform their contest show.

NHS and PTL

These initials might seem foreign to some, but to the members of the National Honor Society and the Praise the Lord group they mean a lot.

To the students in the Honor Society, those initials mean recognition for their efforts to achieve good grades, their ability to get along with others, their fine character, and their leadership skills. Once in the Society, these students are encouraged to further develop these qualities by helping other students in their studies. The NHS has "gotten on its feet" so to speak with the help of the new advisor, Miss Mary Zimmer. Student exchanges, cassette taping of books, fund raisers, publicity, and a teacher's luncheon were a few of the projects undertaken throughout the year.

The initials PTL also mean a lot to the students that meet early mornings before school to discuss chapters in the Bible, sing songs, and fellowship. These activities are all designed to "Praise the Lord."

The positive attitudes and actions that both of these groups strive to maintain create a special bond between their members. This bond enables everyone to get to know the real meaning of the initials NHS or PTL.



When having the Westview Honor Society members over for a visit, students Dennis Blyly, Jay Hershberger, Cletis Miller, Doug Peachy, Rob Buller, Julie Bryant and Tim Gonderman listen intently to Dexter Prough reading the minutes from the last meeting.

Front row: Miss Mary Zimmer, Tamra Hershberger, Julie Bryant, Emily Bryant, Cynthia Terry.

Second row: Joe Sanford, Dennis Graber, Cory O'Dell, Rob Buller, Cletis Miller.

Third row: Dexter Prough, Jay Hershberger, Doug Peachy, Tim Gonderman and Dennis Blyly.

Not pictured: Ann Ludwig





The NHS is not a group of students that meet and calculate their grade point averages but rather they discuss projects and apparently throw in some humor as members grin from ear to ear.

Some of the more regular attenders on Wednesday mornings to PTL are Sandy Miller, Crystal Wyse, Chris Hackett, Ron Troyer, Lori Yoder, and Cynthia Terry.



Besides the singing of songs, Wes Culver also leads the group in studies of various chapters of the Bible.

The sweet roll must be "finger lickin' good" as Miss Mary Zimmer oversees the NHS meeting.



These students are patiently waiting to boogie down at a Student Council sponsored dance. Stamping hands are Student Council members Scott Tilley and Tina Troyer.

Everyone seems to enjoy jumping around to rock-n-roll, disco, and jazz during this dance.



A second childhood? Maybe, but not likely. These grinning beauties are sophomores Angie Mast and Jenni Schultz posing for a picture with Santa, a new fund-raiser sponsored by the Student Council.



"Let your fingers do the walking" is a good motto for this lady donating her time to help with the band's annual fruit sale.



Money Mania

Money, money, and more money! The whole world wants money. Even the small town of Middlebury has been hit with a stream of fund raisers. Along with the usual junior magazine sales for funding the prom, and the frequent dances sponsored by the Student Council and the National Honor Society, there has also been a multitude of fund raisers for the new band uniforms. These fund raisers include fish fries, auction sales, fruit sales, numerous other events, and for the first time, an all-school fund-raiser whose proceeds would go toward the uniform fund. This project, the first of its kind at Northridge, was the sale of family portraits. Other fund-raisers for various purposes this

year were: the faculty vs. WRBR basketball game, pictures with Santa, Valentine-grams, Santa-grams, the sale of hats and scarves, the Student Council book store, and the sale of old yearbook photographs. Important annual fund raisers such as the teachers' play provide money to back the MCCTA scholarship. A dance marathon is one idea proposed by Student Council sponsor/advisor Mr. Dan Shroyer as a possible fund-raiser for future years.

It's true that money is needed to get things done and Northridge activities are no exception. When it has been necessary to raise extra funds, on the whole the community responded well to the call for help.



Boogie hysteria is left aside when students pair off into couples during a slow dance.

Cold Weather Clubs

As the cold weather sets in, students begin to search for other things to occupy their time besides suntans. The Service Club begins its duties during football season, and by basketball season it is in full swing. Then another club emerges. Skis and ski jackets come out of the closet and the Ski Club begins heading for the hills.

The otherwise drab Mondays are made a little more bearable for Ski Club members. Most purchase a season ticket to Swiss Valley and, if there's enough snow, spend their Monday evenings enjoying the weather instead of complaining about it.

The Service Club works at the other end of the week. The Friday and Saturday home games require some popcorn-popping and snack-serving. While not many people want to give up their coats at football games, many people do take advantage of the coat check the Service Club offers at basketball games.

Clubs are a way to become involved and get to know others, and the Service and Ski Clubs are no exception.

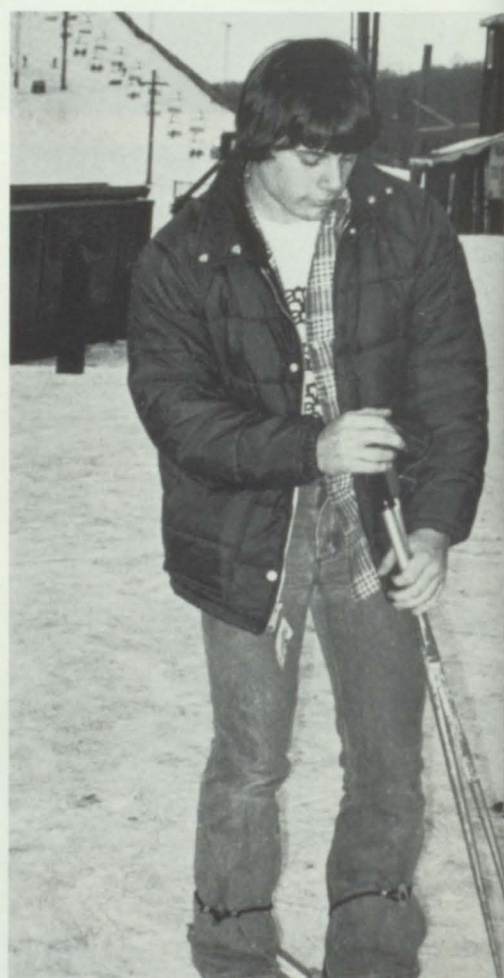


If "Coke adds life," Jack Rogers is busy serving a lot of life during a game.



Whether hunger, boredom, or force of habit is the cause, most people find themselves at the concession stand during half time. Busily waiting on these people is Matt Merrick.

Getting ready to hit the Swiss Valley ski slopes is sophomore Steve Streeter.





Part of the preliminaries of skiing is fastening the ski boots, as Val Troyer and Teresa Torrance are doing. Getting them to stay fastened is sometimes as big a challenge as skiing itself.

For fifteen cents a Service Club member, such as Doug Peachy, will take your coat off your hands during a game and end the "falling through the bleachers" worries.



Service Club members, front row: Sponsor Mr. Gordon Kauffman, Toni Rutherford, Matt Merrick, Lori Gustafson, Anita Yoder, Julie Streeter, Keith Gingerich, Stacy Stutz, Sponsor Mr. Phil Berkey. Second row: Monica Warstler, Kellie Sarver, Teresa Torrance, Missy Mahaffa, Doug Peachy, Jack Rogers, Mary Yoder, Mike Galt, Dexter Prough. Back row: Val Troyer, Kelly Kopf, Gayle Mansfield, Diane Kauffman, Cynthia Terry, Jody Nihart, Tamra Hershberger, Sharon Borntrager, Joe Sanford.



In anticipation of the half time rush, Mr. Gordon Kauffman and Joe Sanford fill coke cups with pop for the dozens of thirsty fans that will soon invade the cafeteria.



With smiles and outstretched arms, the Sound of Friends wrapped up their performance of "Listen to the Music" on the "Bravo" T.V. show.

"I Believe in Music" is the opening song in all of the Sound of Friends performances. Dave Lantz, Liz Galt, Mark Darby, and Susie Bontrager begin the song.



Sight reading, as Dave Lantz is doing, is a big part of the Sound of Friends. It helps them to "decide what's good."





"Christmas Music Box" came alive to the students as members of the Sound of Friends acted out a toy. Jay Boughner used up a lot of energy popping up and down as a Jack-in-the-box.

"Sleigh Ride" added a touch of winter spirit to the Sound of Friends' Christmas performance in front of the student body.



Getting Into the "Swing" of Things

Take a little mellow music, add it to some of that toe-tapping, make-you-want-to-get-up-and-dance music; and then add some choreography and you've got the NHS swing choir — the Sound of Friends.

It may seem to some that the Sound of Friends would be an easy class, just singing and dancing. However, they must do work in workbooks (just like math) and work with theory (just like science). They also do work with choreography, sight read, and get into "heavy discussions" about music.

The Sound of Friends performs for the school at events such as the Spring Thing. They also take a tour to the other community schools and perform for organizations such as church groups. The Sound of Friends earned a spot on the "Bravo" T.V. show, and received a superior rating at the Swing Choir Contest.

There's a lot of talk about the "younger generation's music," but the Sound of Friends has something for everyone — even parents.



Under the control of puppeteer Jim Hackett is Dave Lantz, while Cory O'Dell becomes a wind-up toy in "Music Box Christmas."

Fun-in-the-sun is a welcome retreat to year-book staffers as they celebrate the near completion of the 1980-81 Shield.

Work, work, work! When will it ever end? This may be the thought running through the mind of co-editor Natalie Smith.



First row: Emily Bryant, Ann Ludwig, Harley Baker, Judi Carpenter, Ted Miller, Mr. Leonard Beechy.
Second row: Ken Beachy, Natalie Smith, Steve Streeter, Dawn Gerardi, Greg LaRue.
Third row: Toni Rutherford, Julie Streeter.
Not pictured: Cory O'Dell, and Julie Bryant.

Sorting pictures is an intriguing past time for staff member Harley Baker.

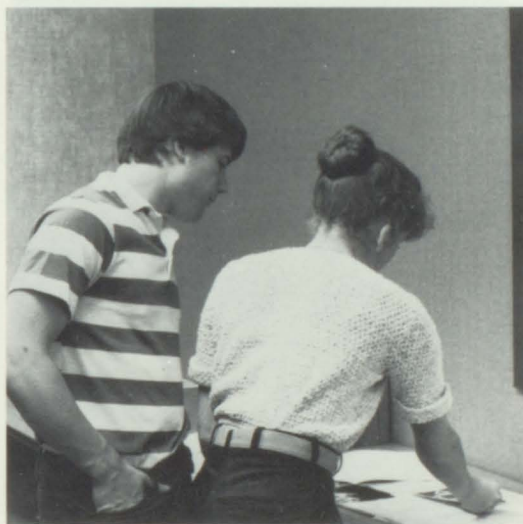
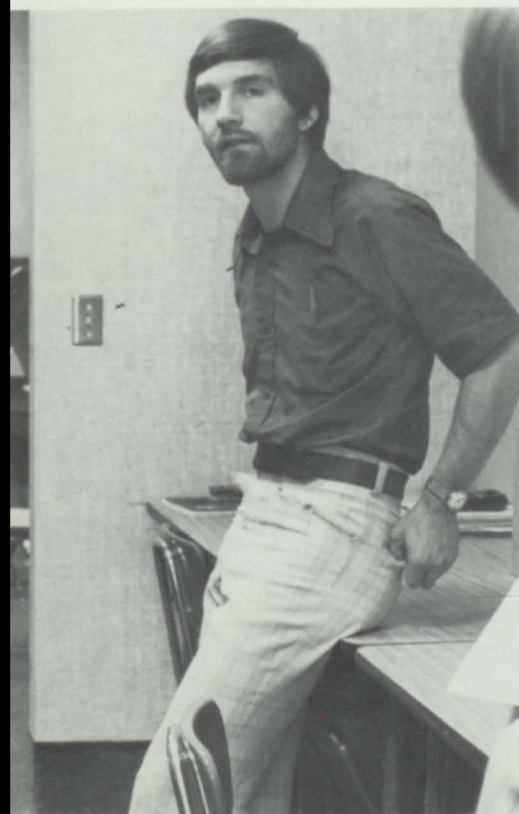




Working Hard to Beat the Rush

"Where is that yearbook?", "Isn't it done yet?", "We want our yearbook!". The cries are unmistakable. Yet, during the year of 1980-81, the cries diminished and became cheers. The yearbook finally became on schedule. The staff and the persistent, dedicated editors have worked long, hard hours thinking, planning,

and writing, until at last, the results began to show. With the finishing of the last of the pages came a giant sigh of relief. Although the work was hard and at times extremely aggravating, the learning experience was there and the result obvious — The 1980-81 Shield!



Team work and effort can always make a difficult task easier as demonstrated here by Steve Streeter and co-editor Ann Ludwig.

Seriousness prevails as Mr. Leonard Beechy discusses "the business at hand" with the yearbook staff.

Time Out for Half-time

"Watermelon Man," "Spirit of Spain," and "Twelfth Street Rag." These are just a few of the songs performed by the Pep Band and Auxiliary.

Throughout the winter months they kept busy practicing for half-time performances. These practices consisted mostly of Monday evenings, and time immediately before the B-team game. This year's Auxiliary not only included the Drill Team and Flag Corps, but also the Rifles.

Captains of the Drill Team were Linda Kauffman and Paula Wallace. Flag Corps captains included Monica Warstler and Ann Ludwig. Angie Mast was the captain of the Rifle Corps.

Each of the different groups alternated or combined efforts, and along with the Pep Band, made half-time a little more than just a time to get a coke.



The Drill Team and Flag Corps combine their abilities to the tune of "Watermelon Man."

Trumpeters Scott Kauffman and Todd Smucker keep the beat to "Watermelon Man."





Ready and waiting, Linda Kauffman, Sarah Miller and Lori Puckett patiently listen for their cue for their routine to the tune of "Watermelon Man."

There is sometimes a temptation for Pep Band members to watch the show, but Cheri Tharp concentrated on her music.



The skill of keeping tempo with the band while also watching auxiliary perform is shown by band instructor, Miss Mary Ulrey.

Basketball half-times are a big part of the pep band members' duties. Jim Snowden and Dennis Graber display their enthusiasm in a song.



Staff editors often put in many extra man hours. Advisor Mr. Leonard Beechy works with managing editor, Stacey Yoder, sorting out some work.

First row: Missy Mahaffa, Natalie Smith and Julie Streeter.

Second row: Lisa Pratt, Todd Hrubby, Missy Stout.

Third row: Ron Troyer, Susie Bontrager, and Scott Tilley.

Last Row: Scott Zirkle, Stacey Yoder, and Pat Yowell.



For the first time ever, "The Lance" staff sold Santa Grams during the Christmas season.



Sorting through Valentine Grams can sometimes be a tedious job as shown by opinion editor Ron Troyer.



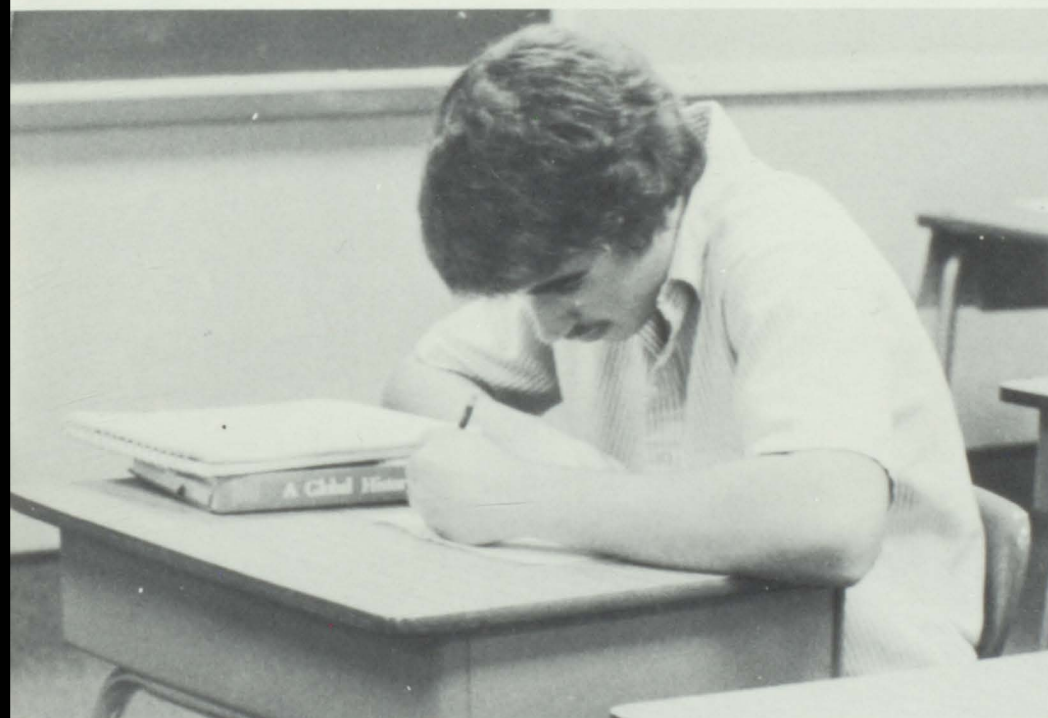
Expanding Ideas

Selling Santa-Grams, Valentines Grams and distributing papers while also being on top of all school activities, were just some of "The Lance" staff's duties.

For the first year ever the paper was expanded from four pages to eight. The eight pages made it possible for better coverage of all school activities. Of course like anything, the eight pages had its rough spots. The rough spots consisted of not meeting deadlines and finding stories to fit the space.

Another added feature was the idea of Christmas Grams. These gave people opportunities to say that certain something to that certain someone in "The Lance" for five cents per word.

"The Lance" staff, being only a one credit course, met the first semester every day except Friday. The second semester they met only every other day. Towards the end of the year jobs were rotated to give people a bigger variety of newspaper experience.



Discussing important Lance staff business is Tony Graber and Ron Troyer.

Lance staff cartoonist, Todd Hruby, adds finishing touches to another masterpiece.



SPORTS

The mud. The sweat. The pain and exhaustion. The agony of hearing the coach yell, "Alright, run a mile and you can go home," when it's already time for practice to end. It's difficult to think of the team when every muscle is tired and sore. It's discouraging that performance always seems to be at its best when the coach's back is turned, but ironically, no mistake ever goes unnoticed.

The athlete faces all of this and more, but the problems can be overcome. Just like the time Keith Gingerich placed fourth in the cross country regionals, qualifying him for Semi-State. And the time Cletis Miller made his own way to Semi-state in tennis and wrestling.

They and all the other athletes are caught up in the rush for the gold medal. But whether the trophy rides the bus home, or is placed in the arms of the opponent, there still remains the sense of accomplishment to those who did their best. And that makes everyone a winner.



The familiar phrase "It's not over yet," is drilled into the varsity volleyball team before the second game, after losing the first game to the NorthWood girls 9-15.

Golden Runners

The Raider Cross Country team finished a fine season with an 11 win, 2 loss record. The Raiders opened their season by beating a tough Concord team and closed by finishing eighth at the Elkhart Regionals. This was the first appearance of the whole Raider team at the Regionals.

Keith Gingerich led the team to many victories, earning the title of Most Valuable Runner. Keith finished first at the New Prairie and Lakeland Invitationals, second at the Elkhart Sectional, fourth at the Regional, and thirty-third at the Fort Wayne Semi-state.

Receiving ribbons from an official at the Lakeland Invitational are Keith Gingerich, Joe Sanford, Jon Carpenter, Lydell Troyer, and Wes Hershberger.



Front row: Joe Sanford, Mike Galt, Keith Gingerich, Pat Yowell.
Second row: Kevin Rhodes, Rob Buller, Lydell Troyer, Jon Carpenter, Chris Fisher.

Back row: Mgr. Ted Miller, Mark Yoder, Wes Hershberger, Tony Swihart, Paul Carlin, Anthony Miller, Coach Mr. Gary Modlin.



	NHS	OPP.
Concord	25	31
Fairfield	20	39
Westview	19	44
Northwood	32	23
Goshen	20	37
N. Prairie*	3rd	
C. Noble	19	39
Prairie Hts.	21	38
Hamilton	19	44
Bethany	19	43
Lakeland*	2nd	
Westview	20	39
Jimtown	Forfeit	
Wawasee	29	26
Lakeland	27	28
Sectional	5th	
Regional	8th	
*Invitational		

Pushing hard to gain position over their Goshen opponents are Mark Purdy, Anthony Miller, and Tony Swihart, while Mr. Modlin shouts encouragement.

Accepting their awards at the Lakeland Invitational are: first, Keith Gingerich; second, Mike Grossman; and third, Andy Seman from Lakeland; fourth, Jeff Mead from Leo, and Mike Thoma from Concord.



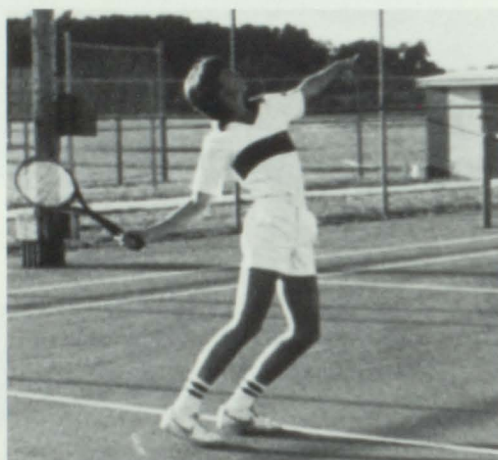
Beginning and Winning

Tennis showed strong individual effort this year, effort which brought the team to a record of 9-5.

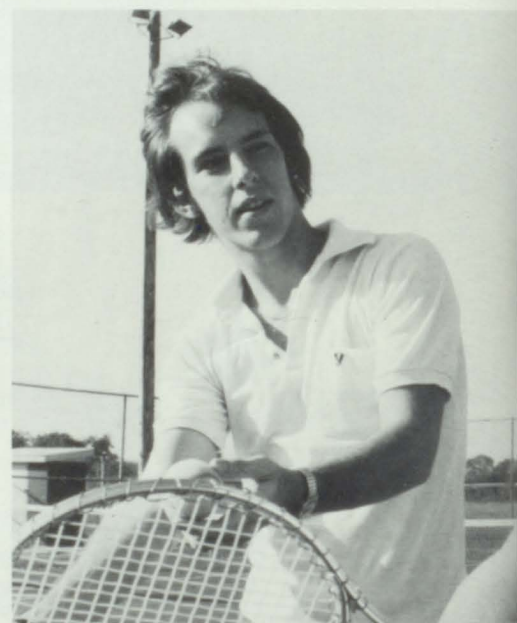
The team (which has only existed now for three years) was coached by Mr. Mike McCoy, taking over for Mr. Bruce Stahley.

Senior Cletis Miller was voted the most valuable player, having won the sectionals, and advancing all the way to semi-state.

	Us	Them
Concord	2	3
Howe	3	2
Jimtown	4	1
Goshen	0	5
Lakeland	4	1
Fairfield	3	2
Central Noble	5	0
Wawasee	3	2
Howe	4	1
West Noble	5	0
Westview	5	0
Mishawaka	1	4
Northwood	1	4



A smashing serve is delivered by junior Gregg Eash, who finished the season 5-7.



First year coach Mr. Mike McCoy is easily accepted by the team. Here he gives a few technique tips.

Helping Tim Gonderman with the forehand stroke is coach Mr. Mike McCoy.

Showing determination during a game is Jim Snowden, who finished with a record of 8-5.



Front row: James Yoder, Sam Hoover, Charles Wiederman, Mark Hochstetler, Scott Kaufman.

Back row: Cletis Miller, Tom Hershberger, Bob Deters, Gregg Eash, Tim Gonderman, David Falb, Dennis Graber, Jim Snowden, Kevin Smith.

Not pictured: Keith Ludwig.

MVP Cletis Miller displays the form that helped send him to Semi-state.

Along with form, perfect timing is required for a good spike. Here Cindy Terry exhibits both. Cindy led the team with spikes, which earned her the title MVP in offense.

Performing her powerful "most valuable" serve is senior Shelly Rassi.



Junior varsity, Front row: Misi Yoder, Julie Merrick, Lori Robinson.
Second row: Becky Bowman, Kim Weaver, Tonda Houser.
Back row: Caron Outman, Tina Troyer, Michelle Erickson, Becky Stout, Coach Mrs. Diane Gibson.

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Elkhart Memorial	14-16	15-13	15-7
Penn	13-15	13-15	
Fairfield	11-15	13-15	
Jimtown	12-8	6-15	15-5
Bethany	5-15	15-10	15-6
Lakeland	11-15	15-13	7-15
NorthWood	9-15	11-13	
Westview	15-13	15-13	
Concord	15-3	15-8	
West Noble	15-1	15-6	
Goshen	11-15	13-15	
Mish. Marion	1-15	5-15	
Elkhart Central	3-15	15-11	5-1

"Bump, Set, Kill . . .

... another one bites the dust."

That's just one of the several often-used cheers of the volleyball team as they ended a season of highs and lows with a record of 6-7.

The losses to Fairfield and Lakeland were especially frustrating, but the game with Concord was probably the highlight of the entire season. For the first time in Miss Jeanine Roberts' seven years of coaching, the Raiders defeated the Minutewomen. It was also the first time in seven straight years that the

team had won a Monday night game.

There was another first the night of the NorthWood game. It was the first time the Pep Band had ever showed up to play at a girl's sport.

When Sectional rolled around, the team upset a powerful Wawasee squad the first night and defeated Westview in the semi-finals, although they suffered a disappointing loss to Bethany in the finals.

Award winners were: Shelly Rassi — serves, Cynthia Terry — offense, Deb Biller — defense.



Front row: Natalie Smith, Shelly Rassi, Tamra Hersherberger, Cindy Terry.
Back row: Gayle Rheinheimer, Sarah Miller, Darlene Neumann, Pam Jewett, Deb Biller, Liz Galt, Janet Hostetler.



Watching the server, Michelle Erickson gets ready to interchange positions with Kim Weaver as soon as the ball is hit.



Freshmen, front row: Sharon Miller, Teri Soos, Terry Franko, Robin Taylor.
Second row: Lisa Peterman, Tami Hawkins, Jodi Johnson, Donna Smith.
Back row: Pam Peachy, Karen Call, Claudia Corson, Stephanie Keck, Dawn Kreighbaum.



Lunging to pick up a serve, Misi Yoder displays good form.

An Injured Season

The football season ended with a disappointing record of two wins and seven losses. The team met with injuries early on with junior quarterback Shawn Erickson breaking his wrist. The Raiders then called on sophomore Greg Matteson to lead the offense.

The highlight of the Raider season was the 21-0 Homecoming win over the Bronson Vikings. A. Dean Yoder, Most Valuable Offensive player, led in yards gained. Wayne Nethercutt led in tackles and assists, earning his way to the position of Most Valuable Defensive Player. Phil Schwartz was strong offensively and defensively and was named all around Most Valuable Player.

Blocked at the line of scrimmage, A. Dean Yoder tries to escape to the right.



Freshmen, front row: John E. Miller, Jim Hackett, John R. Miller, John Wood, Jeff Fingerle, Mike Pletcher.

Second row: Jim Young, Randy Kauffman, Randy Holderman, Tom Hellinga, Scott Mockler, Jay Boughner, Rod Sutton, Eric Vollman.

Back row: Coach Bruce Bryan, Brian Kolka, Greg Wordelman, Rabon Bell, Todd Checkley, Dan Falb, Mark Hilton, Rod Hire, Cordell Wutherick, Delwyn Kropf, Jeff Graber, Coach Mike Frazier.

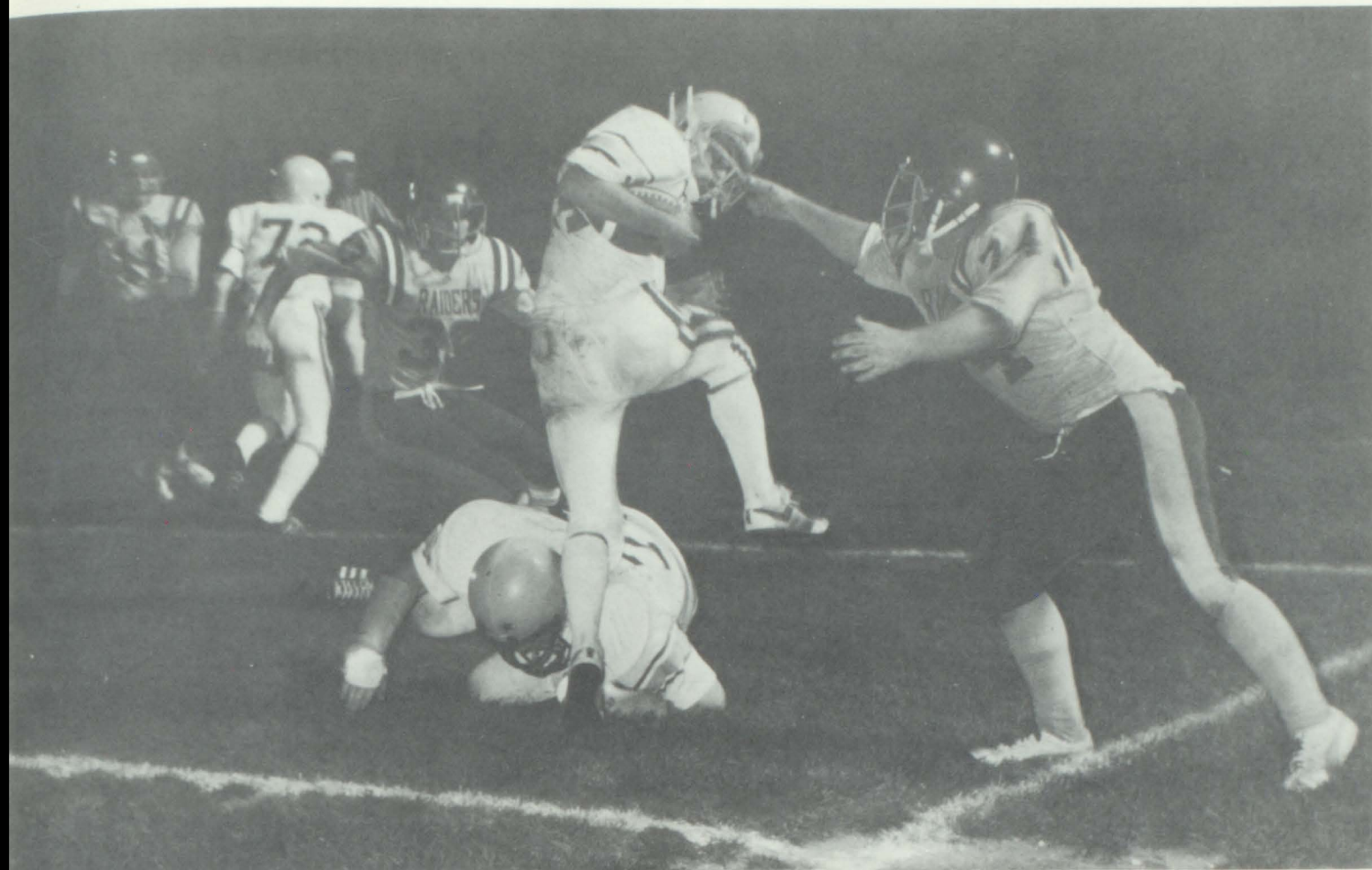


Varsity and J.V., Front row: Tim Spradlin, Phil Gage, Brian Breniser, Brent Cooper, Tim Gage, Shawn Erickson, Kevin LeMond, Steve Gonderman, Kent Kauffman, Dennis Brnum. Second row: Rick Groom, Lavon Schwartz, Mike Baker, Dave Hunt, Rick Grewe, Scott Graber, Matt Merrick, Steve Petersen, A. Dean Yoder, Wayne Nethercutt, Todd Howard, Phil Schwartz, Wes Bryant.

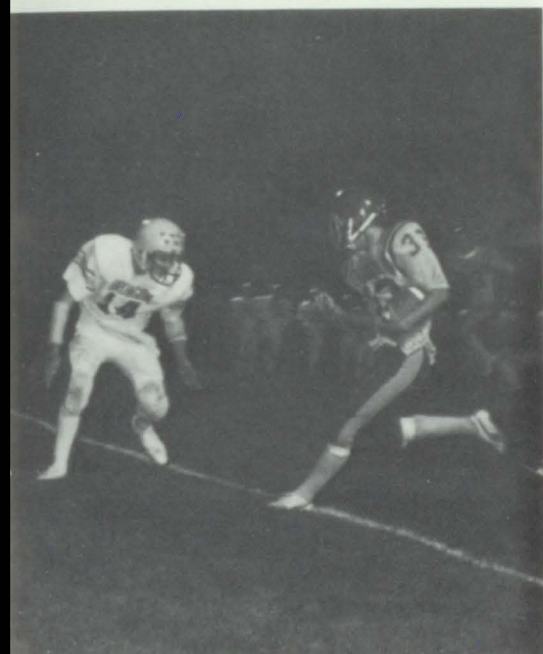
Back row: Bob Warstler, Coach Dick Cole, Steve Huys, Greg Roberts, Paul Leedy, Doug Estridge, Greg Matteson, Dan Hostetler, Todd Bontrager, Jeff Miller, Berry Lang, Kent Sullivan, Kevin Davis, Andy Mahaffa, Steve Ambrose, Gary Crocket, Coach Ray Reid, Kyle Bontrager.



A host of Raiders stops the Concord drive cold at the line.



Lunging to prevent a touchdown, Paul Leedy initiates the tackle moments before A. Dean Yoder's hit.



Attempting to avoid the last Bronson player, A. Dean Yoder goes left.

	Us	Them
Concord	0	28
NorthWood	0	32
Central Noble	6	14
Jimtown	20	10
Lakeland	7	19
Goshen	8	32
Bronson	21	0
Fairfield	7	14
New Prairie	6	14

Upping his personal record to 5-1, Arlyn Miller defeats his NorthWood opponent.

Bringing the team to a fourth place finish at Sectionals, five wrestlers advanced to regionals. Scott Giddens (first place), Jeff Miller, Ron Troyer, Kevin Davis, and Cletis Miller (second place finishes).



Victory Through Defeat

It was a rebuilding year for the NHS grapplers. The loss of ten seniors from the year before left the team, for the most part, young and inexperienced. The season ended with only three wins against eight losses. However, wrestling is as much an individual sport as it is a team sport, and some individuals gained victories in spite of the defeats, ending with winning seasons of their own.

Scott Giddens placed fourth at the Goshen Invitational, third at the Mishawaka Invitational, and was the 112 pound Sectional champ. Scott ended his season 16-7 and was also given an award for most points scored. Jeff Miller ended 12-5 after placing second at the Goshen Invita-

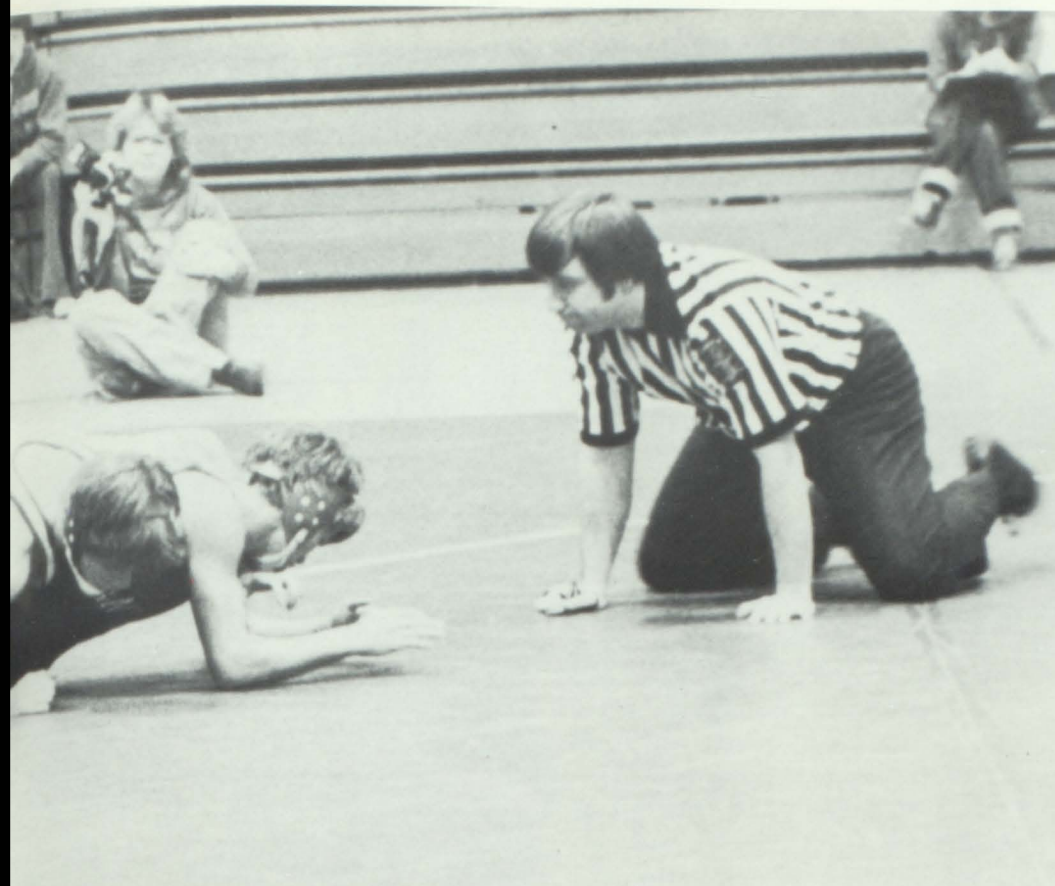
tional and also at Sectionals. Co-captain Cletis Miller finished 17-8, placed third at Goshen, and second at Sectional. After fighting the flu the entire week before Regionals, he placed second and went onto Semi-State. Cletis was also named MVP.

In addition to these, Arlyn Miller placed fourth at the Goshen Invitational and Scott Graber second. Co-captain Ron Troyer placed third at Goshen and second at Sectionals. Kevin Davis also placed second at Sectionals.

Even if experience was not on their side, and even if the books did record a losing season, the team members were definitely not losers.



As the match begins, sophomore Scott Giddens ties up with his West Noble foe looking for a chance to shoot for the legs.



	Us	Them
West Noble	22	45
Fairfield	36	33
Mish. Marian	3	62
Goshen	9	54
Jimtown	50	24
Northwood	23	45
White Pigeon	30	43
Westview	49	22
Pr. Heights	11	52
St. Joe	29	42
Concord	32	40

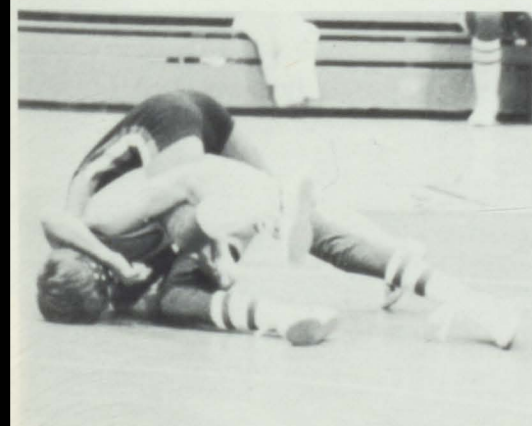


Front row: Rob Buller, Dennis Baker, Rob Fidler, Roger Wyman, Tim Spradlin, Chet Konkle, Jeff Graber, Lavon Schwartz, Cordell Wulthrich, Greg Franklin.

Back row: Steve Laughlin, Arlyn Miller, Scott Giddens, Jeff Miller, Ron Troyer, John Miller, Brian Breniser, Scott Graber, Paul Leedy, John Wood.

Not pictured: Cletis Miller, Kevin Davis, Charlie Grey.

Although it may be difficult to tell who is in control, Jeff Miller is actually in the process of driving the White Pigeon man to his back.



There are many surprises in basketball as Michelle Erickson finds out when a West Noble opponent steals the ball.

B-team ball players, Becky Bowman and Tami Hawkins discuss game plans before the game.



B-Team players, Front row: Cindy Miller, Tami Hawkins, Becky Bowman, Julie Merrick, Chris Harshberger. Second row: Tonna Folger, Kelly Cripe, Caron Outman, Robin Collins, Michelle Erickson, Janet Hochstetler, Lori Robinson, Coach Diana Gibson, Mgr. Terri Howard.



Varsity, Front row: Sarah Miller, Tamra Her-shberger, Pam Jewett, Deb Biller. Back row: Tonda Houser, Coach Linda Kamin-skis, Gayle Rheinheimer, Susan Hayes, Becky Stout, Tina Troyer, Rhonda Rhodes, Beth McBride.

	Us	Them
West Noble	37	33
Elk. Central	30	50
Jimtown	32	24
Penn	48	46
Elk. Memorial	36	44
Goshen	39	56
Northwood	23	57
Lakeland	51	52
Westview	51	63
Bethany	33	28
Wawasee	28	39
Fairfield	37	39
Concord	40	51
Central Noble	37	36

Close Calls

With many hard knocks, close calls, and sheer determination, the girl's basketball team closed their season with a record of six wins and eleven losses. Although the record may not seem too good at first glance, many games were lost by only a few points.

The girls competed in the Fairfield Tourney, where they lost a close game with Bremen 34-37. However, the consolation game brought an easy victory over Bethany and placed them third.

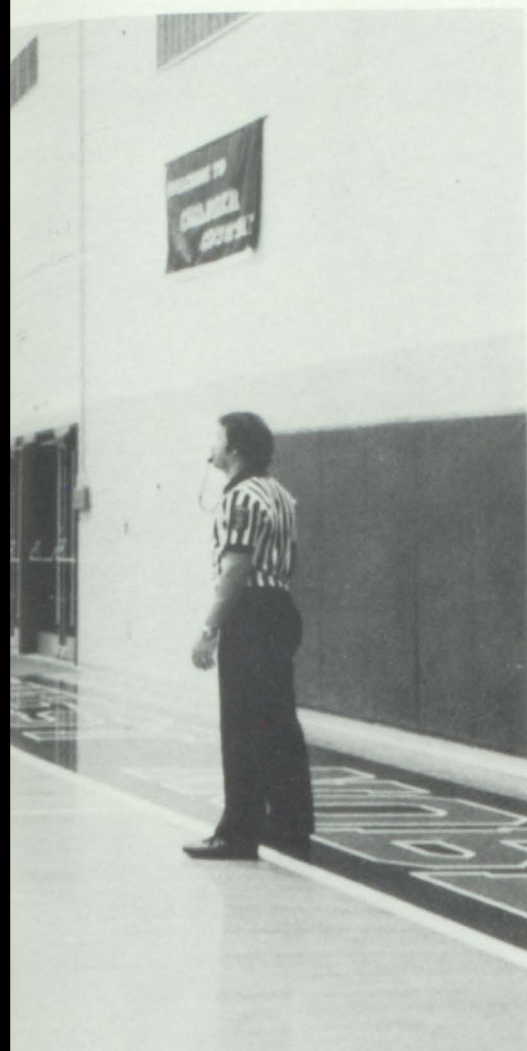
At the annual sports banquet, Junior Deb Biller was chosen MVP by her teammates. Freshman Michelle Erickson captured the rebounding award.

It was a relatively young team, which included only one senior. Varsity sophomore Gayle Reinheimer concluded, "we had our ups and downs."

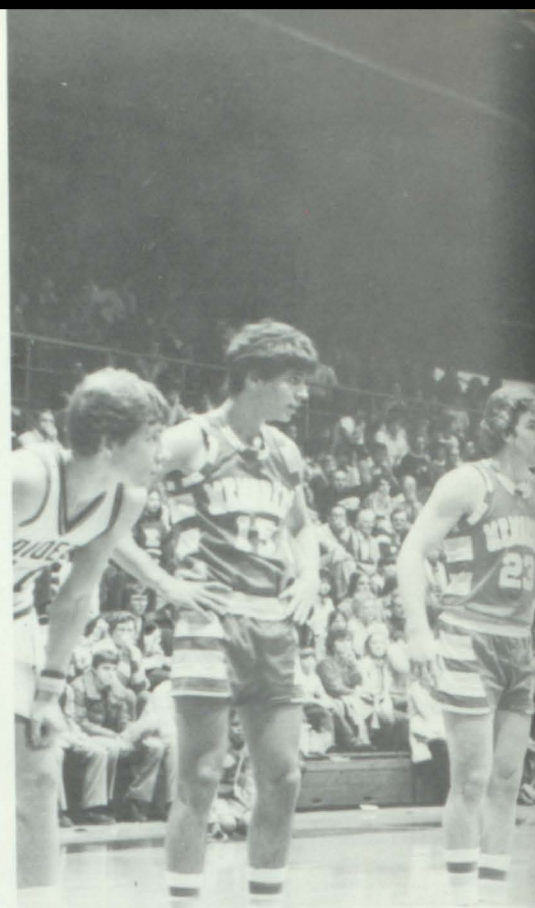


Freshmen, Front row: Teri Soos, Sharon Miller, Lisa Peterman, Lois Miller. Second row: Chris Baylis, Stephanie Keck, Dawn Kreighbaum, Lorene Paulson, Claudia Corson, Sonja Kauffman.

Anticipation is sometimes a major part of the game as the varsity waits for the ball to come down.



	Us	Them
Goshen	43	53
Elk. Memorial	69	62
Bethany	68	51
NorthWood	64	73
West Noble	81	59
Wawasee	67	53
Whitco	68	98
St. Joe	54	58
Lakeland	54	52
Westview	53	38
F.W. Dwenger	51	65
Fairfield	46	65
Bremen	57	48
Concord	65	81
LaVille	46	44
C. Noble	87	55
Prairie Hts.	82	57



Raiders on the Hardwood

The 1980-81 campaign for the varsity basketball team was one filled with many exciting moments. Coach Pratt's squad posted a 14-8 record while playing an exciting brand of ball.

The season began on a sour note with a 53-43 loss to arch rival Goshen, but they bounced back to upset perennial power Elkhart Memorial. The Raiders then sandwiched wins over Bethany and West Noble around the NorthWood setback and then entered the Goshen Holiday Tourney. After all was said and done, they had won it, capping it off with a win over Goshen in the title game.

The Raiders thumped Wawasee immediately after the tourney, but were turned back twice at St. Joe and Whitco.

They picked themselves up quickly after the Whitco game, as they downed Lakeland 54-52 on Mike Galt's jumper from the right baseline with two ticks remaining on the overtime clock. After the Lakeland cliff-

hangers came wins over Westview, Bremen, LaVille, Central Noble, and Prairie Heights; and losses to Fort Wayne Dwenger, Fairfield, and Concord. This led directly into the sectional.

The Raiders drew Jimtown, whom they defeated for the second time, this time by a 63-59 ledger. The win was sweet but did not come easy. Although they held an eight-point lead for most of the contest, Jimtown took a last run at the Raiders, but fell short four points. The season was brought to a close the same way it opened — with a heartbreaking loss. The Raiders were unable to repeat their early season miracle of beating the Memorial Chargers. They were ready for the Raiders, and handed them a 65-63 defeat in the semi-finals.

The junior varsity, coached by Mr. Gary Modlin, had a 12-8 season, while the freshmen ended a disappointing 1-15.



Junior pivotman Tim Stout drops in two of his game-leading 15, in the Raider's triumph over the Wawasee Warriors.



Setting himself on the charity line early in the Raiders 69-62 upset of Elkhart Memorial is Tim Stout.



Center Tim Stout jumps in the opening tap of the Elkhart Sectional. The Raiders drew Jimtown, whom they defeated 63-59.



Varsity, front row: Randy Wilson, Keith Gingerich, Dennis Blyly, Gregg Eash, Mike Galt, Kevin Bontrager. Back row: Darrell Ritchie, Mike Tarr, Tim Gonderman, Tim Stout, Rick Grewe, Coach Irv Pratt.



J.V., front row: Greg Elswick, Greg Mattison, Tim Schlichter, Wes Hershberger, Lydell Troyer, Doug Shirley. Back row: Phil Gage, Rick Groom, Lee Brad-dock, Mike Baker, Mike Caudill, Coach Gary Modlin.



Fresh. front row: Coach Don Weirich, Jim Hackett, Mark Schlabach, Charles Wiederman, Eric Vollman, Tim Williams, Tony Swihart, Brad Fisher, Tony Holland. Back row: Mgr. Scott Mockler, mgr. Dave Yoder, mgr. Brian Tomlinson, Scott Miller, John Chupp, Brian Allred, Mark Royce.

Feature

As fate would have it, Steve Petersen was clobbered by his own ball, when it came off his bat and hit him square in the face.

Between basketball and volleyball seasons, Sarah Miller has more than once had problems with the very same ankle.



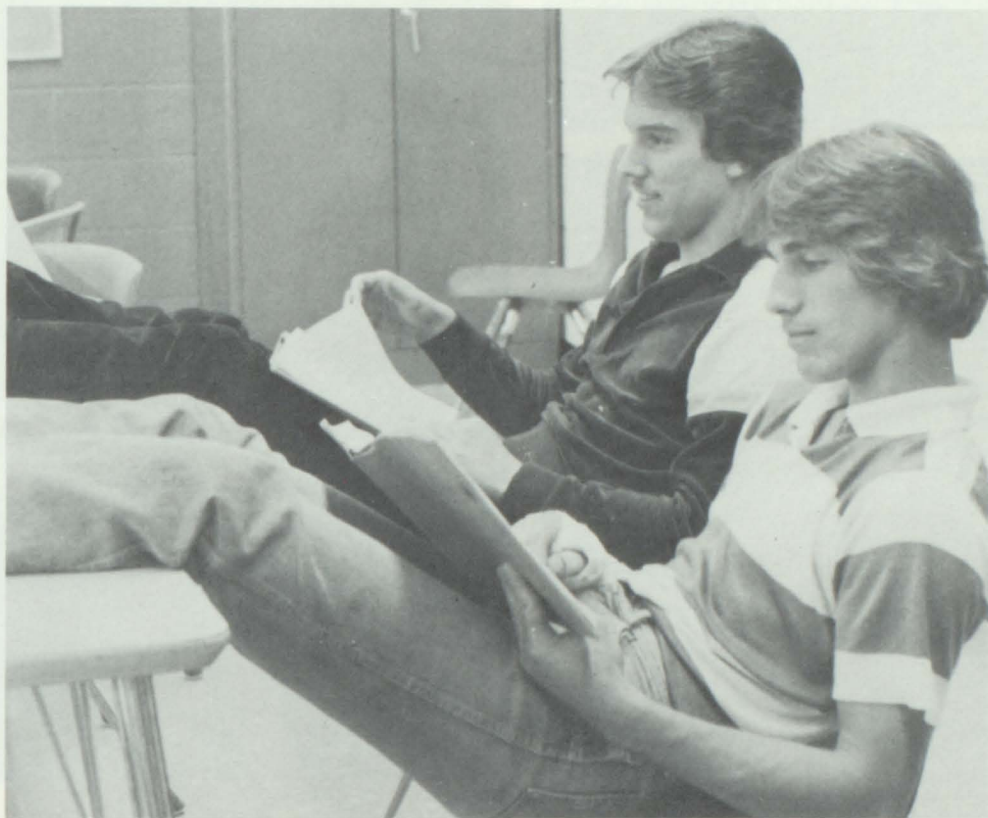
The girls' basketball team was no doubt at a disadvantage while MVP Deb Biller recovered from her injury.



People often use the expression "break a leg" when wishing someone good luck. Unfortunately, Suzy Adamson really did break her leg on a skiing adventure.



The football team lost their quarterback when Shawn Erickson broke his wrist. He had also been the team's high scorer up to that point.



Ooh! Aah! I'm All Broke up!

Be active! Get involved in sports! Stay in shape! Break your leg!

Ever heard that one before? No. Of course not. Nobody ever mentions the torn ligaments, pulled hamstrings, busted bones, or athlete's foot. But keeping them quiet doesn't make them go away. And students at NHS are no exception. They had their share of little mishaps also. Naturally some sports are more merciful than others, but no sport is ever 100 per-

cent safe.

A broken wrist put junior quarterback Shawn Erickson out for the remainder of the season. A back problem forced wrestler Scott Graber to forfeit his final match at the Goshen Invitational. Caron Outman was afflicted with a swollen hand during basketball season. Crutches hobbling down the halls became a familiar sight. But perhaps the cruelest of all sports was baseball.

Steve Petersen and Dave Hunt both suffered painful blows in the face, and Dave also cut his finger badly when reaching through the fence to get the ball.

It's all part of being an athlete. Even the best safety equipment can't make a sport injury-proof. So why do they do it? For the fun of it. To test their abilities. For the thrill of victory. And because it's "good for you."

Front row: Susan Hayes, Sarah Miller, Cynthia Terry, Rhonda Rhodes, Darlene Neumann.
 Second row: Jennifer Haney, Tonya Cook, Kriston Noble, Caron Outman, Janet Hostetter.
 Third row: Coach Ted Lantz, mgr. Tamra Hershberger, mgr. Tonda Houser, Robyn Cline, Kelly Franklin, Kris Miller, mgr. Gayle Rheinheimer.



	Us	Them
Lakeland	45	60
Fairfield	59	46
Prairie Hts.	51	54
Goshen	33	72
Westview	30	75
Eastside	70	35
Bethany	59	46
North Wood	49	56
Concord	44	61
Jimtown	35	70



Recuperating from the 800, Caron Outman needs the support of teammates Kriston Noble and Jennifer Haney to help her walk.

With a little speed, form, and determination, Susan Hayes flies through the air with the greatest of ease in the long jump.



While the 400 was Cynthia Terry's best event, she also held three other individual records. She broke her own 400 record at Sectionals, winning in 59.4 seconds.

Quality Not Quantity

Depth was not one of the girls' track team's strongest points. The team consisted of only about 11 steady members, only one of which was a senior, but they still managed to win three meets in spite of it all.

Janet Hostetler, Jennifer Haney and Cynthia Terry were effective in sprints and relays. Darlene Neumann was the top high jumper, as well as a sprinter. Susan Hayes showed promise in the long jump and hurdles. In the longer distances, Caron Outman (800) and Tami Hawkins (1500) did most of the work.

The highlight of the season was Cynthia Terry's record-shattering 59.4 in the 400 at the Goshen Sectional, qualifying her for Regionals. However, after some confusing, frustrating organization of her priorities, Cynthia forfeited her spot at Regionals because it fell in the last week of her senior year, which was hectic, and many demands were already being made on her time. Cynthia was awarded the best field event and best sprinter awards, and Caron Outman received the best distance award.



While watching the time, Coach Linda Kaminiskis urges a runner on.

The 100 meter hurdle race requires more than just speed; it also takes coordination and timing, which Tami Hawkins works on.



The 800 meter relay team was a successful one, taking many first places. Here, Jennifer Haney (first leg) hands off to Darlene Neumann.

Displaying the style and form that won him third place at the Goshen Relays is Mark Bates.

Although the 200 lasts only a little over 20 seconds, it is one of the most exciting races. NHS sprinters are Steve Ambrose and Bob Deters.



Ribbons, Relays, and Rain

The boys' track team battled the elements as well as the opposing schools and ended with a 6-5 record. Bad weather cancelled or postponed several meets — including the Sectionals.

The team was not exceptionally experienced, as it only claimed two seniors, yet in spite of that fact, and also the threatening skies, the team shared the Class B Concord Relay crown with Bremen. The team also

participated in the Carroll Relays and spent a long Saturday at the Goshen Relays, where they placed 14th out of 25 schools.

In spite of the postponement, Sectionals arrived. There Keith Gingerich qualified for Regionals in the 3200. He was also named overall MVP in distance. Scott Graber was named tops in field events and Mark Bates in sprints.



With a burst of energy and a look of determination, Kevin LeMond shoots from the blocks in one of the many relays run that day at Goshen.

Thoughtfully observing the action and performances are coaches Ken VonGunten and Dennis McCrumb.



Front row: mgr. Randy Kauffman, Dennis Baker, Steve Ambrose, Jon Carpenter, Keith Gingerich, Kevin Rhodes, Wes Hershberger, mgr. Rob Buller.

Second row: Jeff Fingerle, Brent Cooper, Scott Graber, Kevin LeMond, Gary Peter, Lavon Schwartz, Greg LaRue.

Third row: Kevin Bontrager, Paul Carlin, Bob Deters, Todd Checkley, Jay Boughner, Tim Spradlin, Mike Galt, Doug Estridge.

Back row: Coach Ken VonGunten, Kevin Evans, Mark Bates, Dave Dickel, Mark Purdy.



A moment of stillness and silence grips Keith Gingerich, as well as the other runners, as they wait for the starting command.

Nearing the end of the two mile race, exhaustion and relief cross Keith Gingerich's face.

	Us	Them
Fairfield	61	66
Lakeland	48	79
Jimtown	99 $\frac{2}{3}$	27 $\frac{1}{3}$
Concord	31	96
Prairie Hts.	64	54
Goshen	44	83
Central Noble	78 $\frac{2}{3}$	48 $\frac{1}{3}$
Westview	66	61
Bethany	70	57
NorthWood	59	68
West Noble	88	39

Front row: Misi Yoder, Liz Galt, Kim Weaver, Stacey Yoder, Tina Graber.
 Second row: Coach Jeanine Roberts, Julie Streeter, Chris Truex, Cheryl Mast, Julie Merrick.
 Back row: Michelle Weaver, Dawn Gerardi, Janet Hooley.



Learning to watch the ball is the hardest part of playing tennis. Kim Weaver seems to have this important item down pat.



Watching to make sure that teammate Julie Merrick has everything under control is Liz Galt.



Rain Dampens Season

It's hard to play tennis in the rain. The balls tend to get soggy and soggy tennis balls don't bounce well at all. Despite all the inclement weather the competitive spirit of the girls' tennis team continued to grow this year.

After a five year absence from coaching tennis, Miss Jeanine Roberts was back at the Raider helm. Even though the girls ended the year with a 2-6-1 record, she felt the

season was very rewarding.

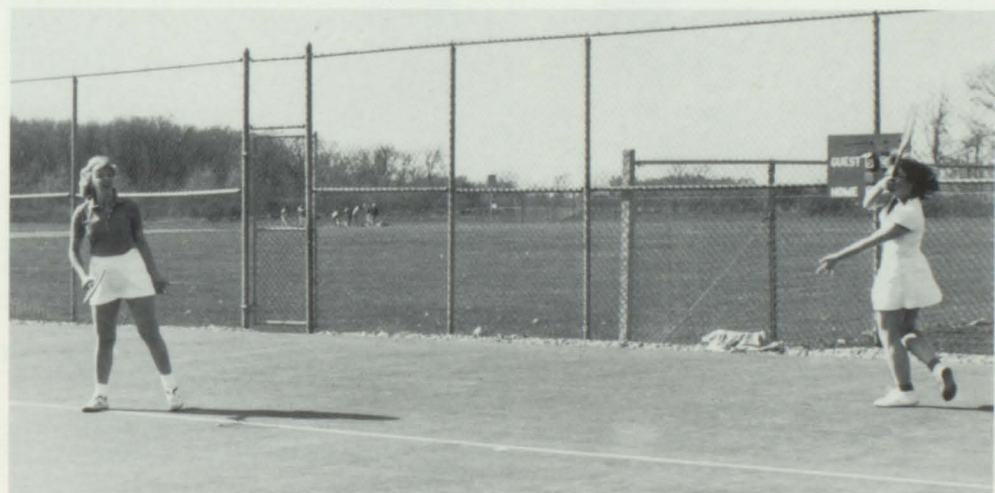
The tennis team this year was made up mostly of sophomores. The only seniors on the team were Stacey Yoder and Julie Streeter. Stacey Yoder was named MVP at the Spring Sports Banquet. The future looks to be promising for the girls who have many players eligible to return next year.

	Us	Them
S.B. Washington	1	
Central Noble	6	
Central Noble	4	
Concord	0	
Lakeland	3	
Mish. Marian	2	
NorthWood	0	
Fairfield	3	
Goshen	0	



Some shots require a little extra effort to return as Michelle Weaver demonstrates here.

Following through smoothly on her forehand shot is Misi Yoder.



A coach's job is never done. A lot of dedication, persistence, skill, and prayer are required to make it through the season but Miss Jeanine Roberts seems to have it all under control.

Even Cheryl Mast seems to be surprised at the gusto with which teammate Julie Streeter returns the ball.

The dugout provides Coach Verlyn Nofziger with an excellent place to explain game strategy to the team during the Sectional game against Mishawaka.

Who's next? Tim Copeland waits to see how his teammate fares against Mishawaka's pitcher.



Even though it's not his turn just yet, Bob Warstler keeps a close eye on the pitch.

Hustle is the name of the game for Jeff Miller and Dennis Blyly as they make their way to the dugout.





Front row: mgr. Tony Graber, Steve Krah, Greg Slabach, Steve Petersen, Dave Hunt, Jeff Kaufman, Bob Warstler, Dave Hawkins.
Back row: Coach Verlyn Nofziger, Dennis Blyly, Tony Bontrager, Randy Wilson, Rick Grewe, Tim Copeland, Gregg Eash, Jeff Miller, mgr. Larry Bender.



Front row: Kristy Walters, Becky Bowman, Mark Schlabach, Tom Hellinga, John Chupp, Todd Lehman, Jeff Graber, Brian Kolka, Lydell Troyer, Mark Royce.

Back row: Coach Richard Cole, Charles Wiederman, Eric Vollman, Rick Groom, Lee Braddock, Darrel Ritchie, Kevin Davis, Greg Elswick, Coach Verlyn Nofziger.



	Us	Them
Howe	11	2
Elk. Memorial	4	9
Elk. Memorial	5	6
LaVille	12	1
White Pigeon	9	3
Goshen	6	5
Wawasee	5	0
Fairfield	15	5
Concord	2	7
Concord	4	12
Prairie Heights	1	2
Jimtown	2	1
Jimtown	5	6
Northwood	1	18
Elk. Central	4	10
West Noble	1	2
West Noble	9	6
Bethany	11	0
Bronson	3	6
Bronson	1	4
Jimtown	5	6
Bethany	3	5
Goshen	7	6

Being a bat girl takes a lot of dedication. Here Shari Hruby keeps busy picking up after the team.

“Play Ball!”

Sad to say, the boys baseball team did not fare so well this season. Coach Nofziger's men won nine of twenty-three contests and were eliminated in their first round of the Sectional by Mishawaka, 6-0.

Despite the 9-14 ledger, the Raider's season was not without its highlights. The Raiders finally defeated arch rival Goshen. Not only did they do this once, they accomplished the feat twice. Two other bright moments were Steve Petersen's (Wawasee) and Bob Warstler's (Bethany) homeruns.

Gregg Eash wielded a hot bat all spring hitting .343 and as a result was named best in hitting and fielding. Tony Bontrager and Steve Petersen were also potent with the bat at times. Greg Slabach saw plenty of action on the hill for the Raiders posting a 4-8 record. Greg was also voted MVP by the team.

The sand trap is not the place to get stuck on a golf course. Here, Jim Hackett tries to break his way out.

Watching to make sure his swing is smooth and clean is Shawn Erickson.



Banner Year on the Fairways

The varsity golf team had a banner year — in fact they had the best season in school history. After finishing the regular season at a blistering 14-4-1 they headed for Sectional where they placed third and were made eligible for Regional.

Mr. Mike McCoy, who took the job as coach, has a talented group of golfers to work with, including one girl — freshman Michelle Erickson. Scott Zinkle and Shawn Erickson were the consistent medalists and shared the MVP title.



Keeping his eye on the ball is Steve Gonderman, but that ball is so little!



	Us	Them
*Mishawaka, Elk. Memorial	368	370, 340
Fairfield	172	203
Lakeland	174	185
Lakeland	206	209
NorthWood	201	216
NorthWood	171	216
Prairie Heights	174	219
Westview	165	185
*Wawasee, South Bend Riley	331	322, 318
Central Noble	177	175
Central Noble	208	211
Jimtown	181	209
*Concord, Tippecanoe	165	174, 193
Goshen	195	195
West Noble	166	183
West Noble	201	210

*Indicates tri-meet



Front row: Michelle Erickson, Jim Hackett, Sam Hoover, Scott Kaufmann, Brian Wilcox, Jeff James.

Back row: Tim Gonderman, Matt Kilmer, Scott Zirkle, Shawn Erickson, Steve Gonderman, Doug Shirley.

It's definitely much easier to get into the sand trap than it is to get out of it, as Sam Hoover finds out.

Feature

Golden Gunners Shot Down

After defeating them one year earlier, the male faculty members took on the WRBR Golden Gunners in a second annual game. The Golden Gunners came back seeking revenge, and almost got it.

After trailing most of the way, sometimes by a sizable margin, the faculty managed to catch them, and the fourth quarter ended in a deadlock. The overtime bout declared them the victors by one basket — 86 to 84.

Coaching the team to victory was the job of team members Mr. Dennis McCrumb and Mr. Don Weirich.

Proceeds from the game went to the Student Council, who sponsored the event.



Watching the action from the bench are Mr. Phil Berkey, Mr. Leonard Beechy, Mr. Gordon Kauffman, Mr. Gerald Rasler, Mr. Don Lancot, Mr. Kevin Cripe, Mr. Mike McCoy, and Mr. Gary Modlin.

The overtime game offered fans plenty of action and suspense. As Mr. Don Weirich passes to a teammate, a Golden Gunner attempts to block it.

Center and forward Mr. Don Weirich had lots of practice shooting during the game and emerged as high scorer with 44 points.



Playing a tight defense is important during a game, even if it is just for fun.



Playing offense requires quick reflexes and a clear head as Mr. Gerald Rasler shoots the ball to try for two.

Waiting for a teammate to shoot from the foul line is center Mr. Mike Frazier.



All for Northridge Stand Up and Holler!

Cheerleading is one of the extra-curricular events that is even considered a sport. It is considered that because of the long hours of practice, weightlifting, jogging, and various other exercises the girls did to keep fit and healthy.

Mr. Dennis McCrumb was the squad's advisor and helped the girls put an emphasis on what cheerleading is really about. One new aspect this year was the weight goals and fitness program each girl controlled.

The girls agreed that summer camp was really the highlight of the year. It gave new and different cheers, plans,

etc. Even more importantly, it made them a squad, a team that could work together. This was evident by the spirit and enthusiasm all three squads displayed. Evidently, the camp directors thought so also as the varsity squad won the spirit stick every day at camp, received a superior rating, were named the Super Star Squad, and also were given the NCA spirit award. Then to top it all off, Sandy Miller won the All-American Cheerleader award!

Maybe it's time someone said "all for the cheerleaders, stand up and holler!"



Here all join together to lead the cheer — "Shout It Out!"

Varsity cheerleaders, Stacy Stutz, Mary Yoder, Joy Kauffman, Sandy Miller, and Kim Davis.





Junior-varsity cheerleaders, Jana Stutzman, Jennifer Haney, Cherylan Mast, Karen Lee, and Patti Yoder.

Looking concerned at the West Noble basketball game is senior Mary Yoder.



Freshman cheerleaders, Cindy Yoder, Deb Meyers, Shari Hruby, and Kea Hankins.



Excitement grows in the hearts of these girls as they lead the student body in on cheering the team.

Another duty of the cheerleaders is to organize pep sessions. Here Kris Harper and Patti Yoder are cheering to the Northridge school song.






ACADEMICS

What interrupts evenings and ruins weekends? That dreaded eight-letter word — homework. It means having to take time out from important business like ball games, pizza parties, and dates, to get serious for a while.

But learning can be rewarding. Just ask someone like Toni Rutherford who was chosen a National Merit finalist, or Lori Gustafson who was named the third best cosmetologist in the state, and it becomes evident that "working your fingers to the bones" gives you something besides boney fingers.

The halls will always be filled with complaints about "slave driving" teachers, too many assignments, and students who ruin the grading curve with high grades. Students will always sigh with relief at the end of a semester and say "I'm glad that class is over." But few will ever really wish they had never taken the class, or even regret the time and effort it cost them. Because once the research and thesis papers are handed in, the semester projects graded, the finals completed, and the rush of deadlines is over, the sense of accomplishment seems to drown out painful memories.

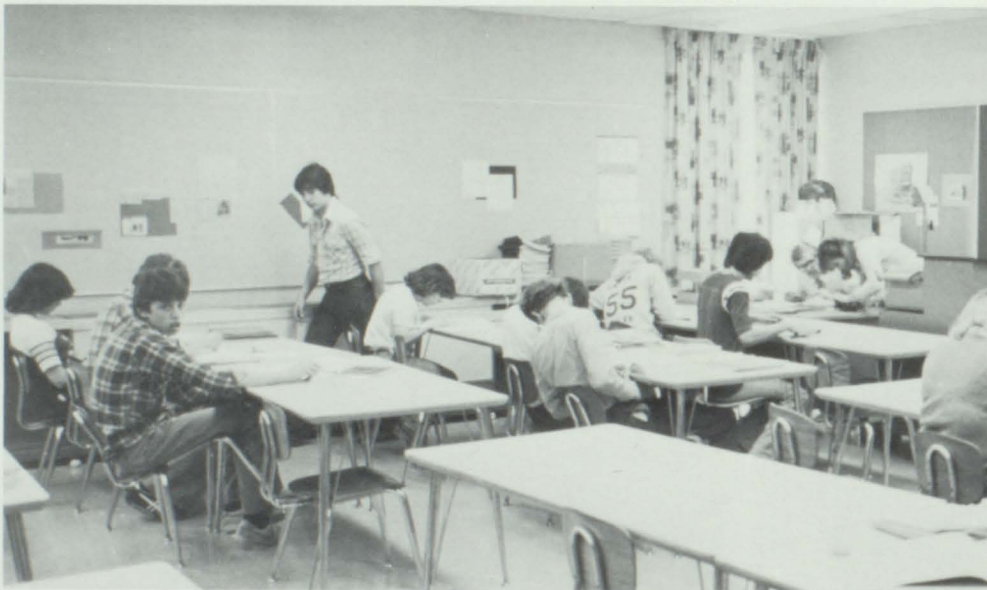


It takes a lot of creative imagination to look at a block and see the possibility of something beautiful. With Mrs. Jan Harnish's help, Todd Hruby, Jerri Schultz, Kelly Sarver, and Curtis Gray are learning to make that vision become a reality.

The Third "R"

Technology today is increasing at a rate almost beyond imagination, all around the world. With this increase, it has become apparent that every aspect of daily life involves some area of math. The NHS math department has made an effort to provide as wide a curriculum as possible. Included are such courses as General Math, Geometry, Algebra, Advanced Math and beginning in the 1981-82 school year, they will be offering a

class in computer mathematics. The program for Geometry and Algebra is set up in such a way that the classes are divided according to the speed at which the students work and the amount of depth in study which is required for an individual's future plans. The math department is headed up by Mr. Ken VonGunten. Also teaching in this area are Mr. Dennis McCrumb, Mrs. Rhunelle Jones, and Mr. Phil Hartzler.



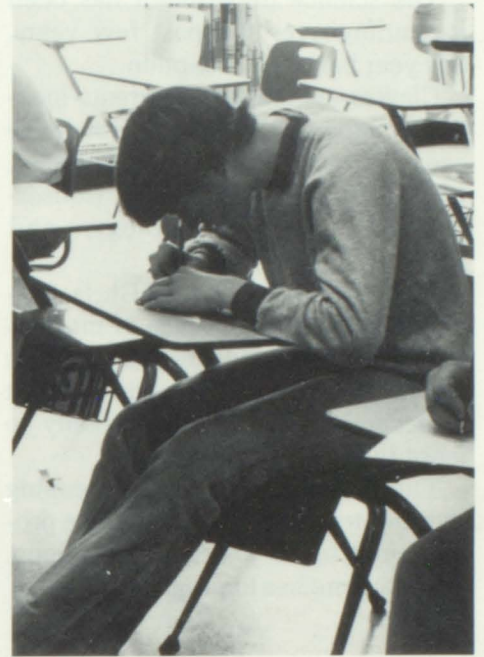
Free time to work on their homework assignments gives these students in Geometry B a chance to have their questions answered by their teacher, Mr. Ken VonGunten.

Circles, squares, triangles, and other geometric figures seem to fascinate sophomore, Janet Hostetler, as she hustles to complete her homework assignment in Geometry A.



Neither sleet, rain, nor an exam in Advanced Math can take the fun out of the senior year for these men. Grinning Mike Eash, Tim Copeland, and Jeff Miller make the best of any situation.

Even men in the senior class have a serious side. Senior Mike Galt gets down to some serious business while Advanced Math class is in session.



Another fun day in Geometry A has sophomores Mark Bates and Tim Spradlin working intently on their homework. But why the Mona Lisa grin on Tim's face?

Patience is a virtue for geometry teacher, Mr. Dennis McCrumb, as he listens with interest to a problem posed by one of his students.

Pushing Toward Technology

The science department has been expanding over the past few years, this year being no exception.

Classes available to students looking to expand their own knowledge are: General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space, Conservation, Advanced Biology, and Physics.

First year teacher Mr. Chris Colburn stated that "Because of increasing technology and the fact that we are pushing more to science, I feel it is becoming more of a necessity to learn the basics of science."

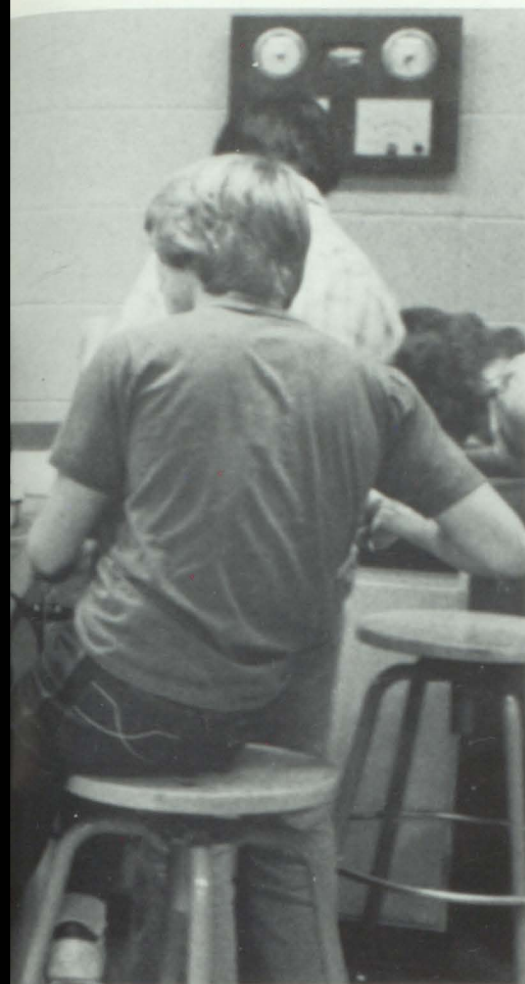
The computer craze is sweeping the country and machines can be programmed to do just about anything, but someone has to program them.



Answering questions with the help of their books during a lab experiment are Jim Van Scoik, Mike Hall, Mardel Anderson, and Deanna Bradley.



Assisting Terri Franko and Marcy Troyer with a lab is third year biology teacher Mrs. Harriet Green.



In the process of dissecting a worm are James Yoder, Rabon Bell, Scott Giddens, and Kyle Bontrager.

The basics of Chemistry are what Mr. Chris Colburn teaches while preparing to answer a student's question.



Filling the Halls With Song

The halls of Northridge were filled with the sounds of music this year. The many students who participated in the school's musical program, as well as the students who were not, all enjoyed the music that was played in the halls.

The students in the Northridge School District, who were not in the school's musical program, also enjoyed the music that was played in the halls. The students who were not in the school's musical program, also enjoyed the music that was played in the halls.



During Chemistry, Mr. Dave Willig adjusts the flame on the bunsen burner.



On the day of their Physics semester final, Dean A. Yoder, Charles Wysong, Mike Randolph and Roger Cave wear their Mr. Willig fan club shirts in an attempt to embarrass him.

Under the direction of Mr. Gerald Rasler, the Concert Choir conveys the true meaning of Christmas: peace, love, and understanding. This particular concert was performed before the student body. Another concert was given for the general public.

Senior trombonist Jim Snowden studies his music intently during the instrumental part of the Christmas concert. Jim is part of a brass ensemble which performed a number of Yuletide favorites.



During an all school assembly, the choir performed a number of songs with the accompaniment of Janet York and Teresa Torrance on the piano.

The camera has caught Miss Ulrey in a familiar pose. Here she leads an ensemble of horn players during a school assembly.



Filling the Halls With Song

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The students in the three choirs, Concert, Freshmen and Sound of Friends, can feel especially proud of their performance at the contests in which they participated. They won 450 medals and sent 20 groups to the state contest in Indianapolis. The Sound of Friends, the music department's own public relations group, who gave an average of two concerts a month for community organizations and toured the elementary schools in April, placed first at the Swing Choir Contest.

The instrumental part of the music department also did a fine job. Concert Band, Pit Band, Pep Band, and Marching Band, along with the auxiliary unit, performed at several contests, athletic events, and concerts. The Marching Band went to state contest again this year. The Pit Band also played a vital part in the success of the school musical "Of Thee I Sing."



Band and auxiliary members are seated in the band room anxiously waiting to load the buses to go to contest.

Ringo, eat your heart out! Senior Jim Lantz readies himself for a jam session.

Keeping Physically Fit

Learning to work as a team and improving individual skills is taught to all in P.E. classes. Throughout the year students take part in games and new sports. Summer P.E. offers even more of a variety with swimming,

golf, and bowling.

Then students learn why physical activity is so good in health class. Projects, bulletin assignments, movies and lectures are all included during the year.



Smiling faces in this class prove that health isn't such a boring subject after all.

Pens in position to take notes, Linda Kauffman, Cynthia Terry and Jerri Schultz listen attentively to Mr. Dennis McCrumb.





As Kathy Schueneman cheers them on, these girls take part in a scooter relay.

Excitement mounts as the freshman and sophomore guys "sweat it out" in a fast game of basketball.



It looks like Sue Yoder is in total control of her scooter as she comes in with a determined look on her face.

Listening carefully to a student who asks a question is Mr. Dennis McCrumb during health class.

As she seriously works on her assignment, Chris Grotrian receives help from Mrs. Jan Harnish.

Making it look so easy, Jerri Shultz weaves both design and creativity in her project.



It looks like Greg Williams is "getting into the thick of things" as he reclaims clay in Three Dimensional Design class.



"Caught Up" in Creativity

Contrary to what some may think, art is not just a class to get an extra credit in nor only for those who have a talent for just drawing and painting.

The art department offers a variety of subjects which include: weaving and textiles, drawing and painting, three dimensional design and two introductory classes, Art 1 and 2.

Students are encouraged to use their imagination in the design and creativity of their projects. This

means much thought and time spent on every weaving, sculpture, and painting.

Mrs. Harnish stated that the purpose of the art program is "... to provide experiences for growth in the ability to communicate through original and creative visual statements about personal ideas, values, and feelings; to promote an acceptance and understanding of the artistic expression of others."



Add some sound to this picture and the classroom would come alive with the students actively working on their projects.

Hands and mind always work together, as demonstrated by Kris Harper.

Finishing the stringing of her loom, Rhonda Rhodes gives a big smile as she ends the first step for her weaving.



Peers are often the best source of constructive criticism, as the American Lit. class finds out while proofreading thesis papers.

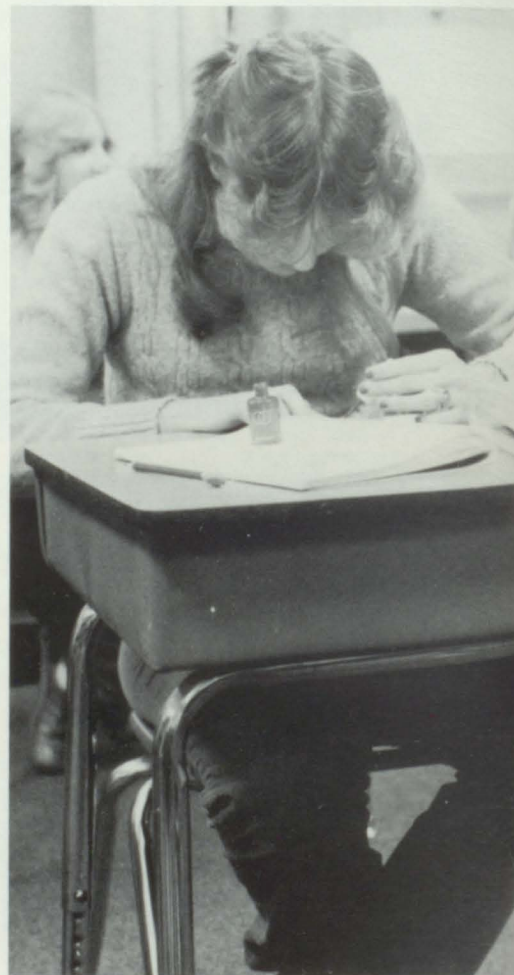


The sign reads "Sentences diagrammed, infinitives split, particles dangled while you wait." Perhaps that is what Miss Mary Zimmer is in the process of doing.



The L.A. 9 class listens to Miss Thomas speak on one of a variety of subjects that the course covers.

Study time isn't quite always used for studying. Lori Puckett finds it is also a good time to paint her fingernails.



Shakespeare, Speeches, and the World of L.A.

The Language Arts curriculum covers a broad spectrum. It begins with L.A. 9 and 10, the basics of grammar, and sentence structure. After that, students may choose from a number of electives.

Self Identity is a course designed to help the student find out who he is by taking a good look at values and personality. Science Fiction is a course built around the realm of the supernatural and unexplainable. Mythology students deal with meanings of the ancient myths. In Short Story, students learn how to write a good short story through plenty of practice and reading. Mass Media students learn the basic aspects of the various media: T.V., radio, film, advertising, and the printed word are outlined. Creative Writing students learn to use writing talents in a creative way through poetry, short stories, and other forms of verse. Novel students, of course, read novels while Drama students study drama as literature and performance. Speech students learn the "do's" and "don't's" of public speaking, and Journalism students learn about the journalistic business and put out the school paper "The Lance."

The more advanced electives are the college prep classes. In American Lit., students learn about the different works of American authors while British Lit. students study British authors and their works. Those in Advanced Communications learn the English language inside and out and also spend the better part of the semester writing research papers.

American Lit., being a college prep course, usually leaves very little time for "goofing off." Tamie Braddock, Ron Troyer, and Jon Carpenter wait for class to be called to order.

Although the English Lit. course did not include Shostak, the L.A. 10 course did. Lori Yoder takes class time to complete hers.

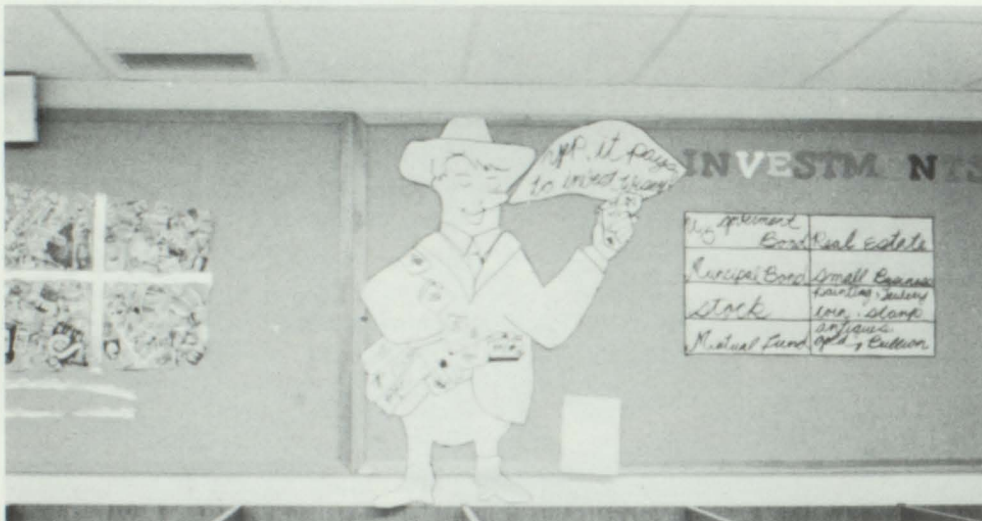
They Mean Business

Working with dollars and cents appeals to the many students enrolled in the various business courses that are offered. Students who take Introduction to Business learn the fundamentals and the theories of the business world. In Accounting I and II, students learn to balance a hypothetical budget by working through a ledger. In Typing I and II, students work on improving their typing skills. Personal Typing is a one

semester course designed to help the student learn the basics of typing, but does not place as much emphasis on speed.

Those wishing to go on to secretarial work can get practice, and credit, by taking office practice.

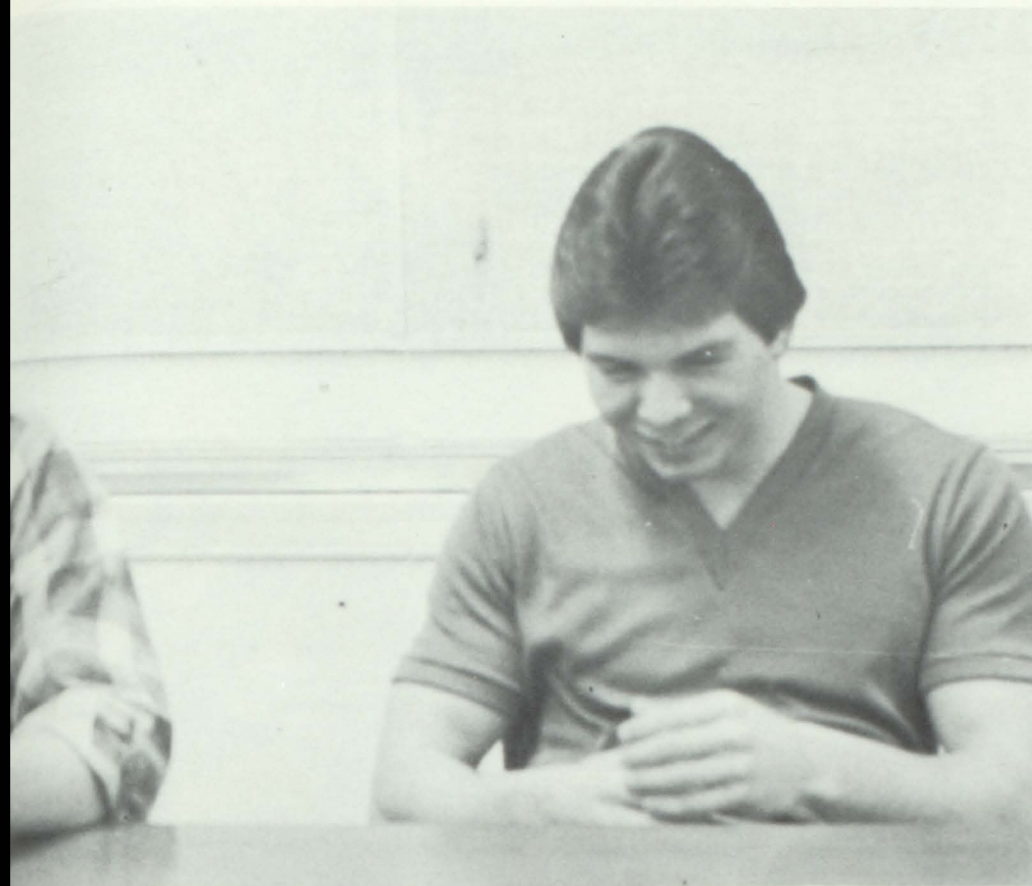
But whether it's Business Machines or Shorthand, the student is becoming prepared for an occupation much in demand, and they do mean business.



Signs and bulletin boards advise students to be smart shoppers and invest wisely.

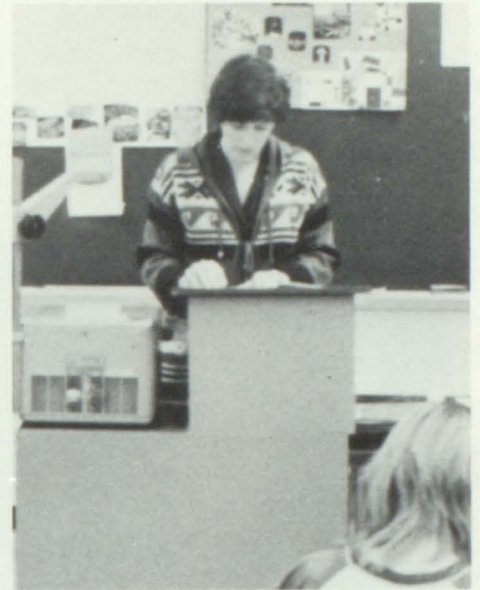
Intently studying his accounting is junior Chris Fisher.





True, accounting does require a lot of extra time, but it's not fatal. Seniors Wayne Nethercutt and Phil Schwartz are still smiling.

Taking attendance for Consumer Economics is Miss Shari Torok. This required course is usually taken the sophomore year.



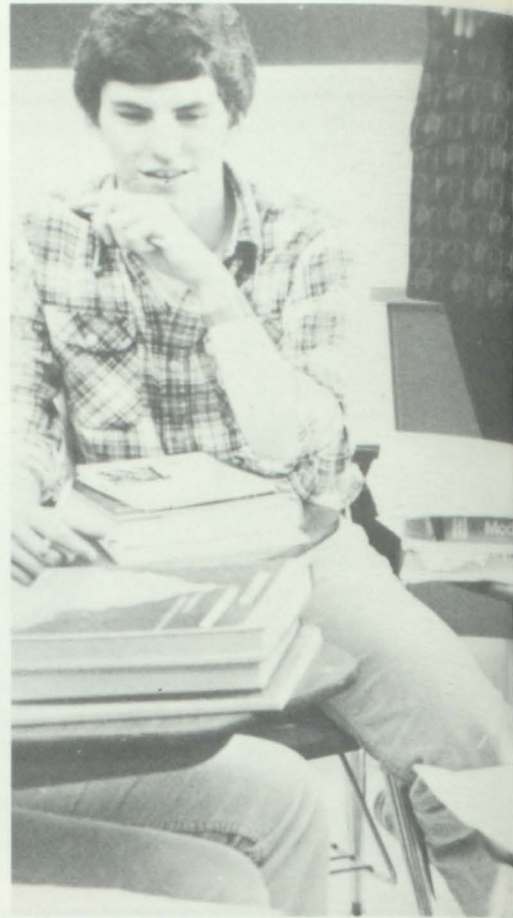
One can almost hear the rattling keys and the ringing bells of these Typing I students who are busy polishing up on their skills.

Checking Michlean Robinson's accounting is Mr. Gary Modlin.

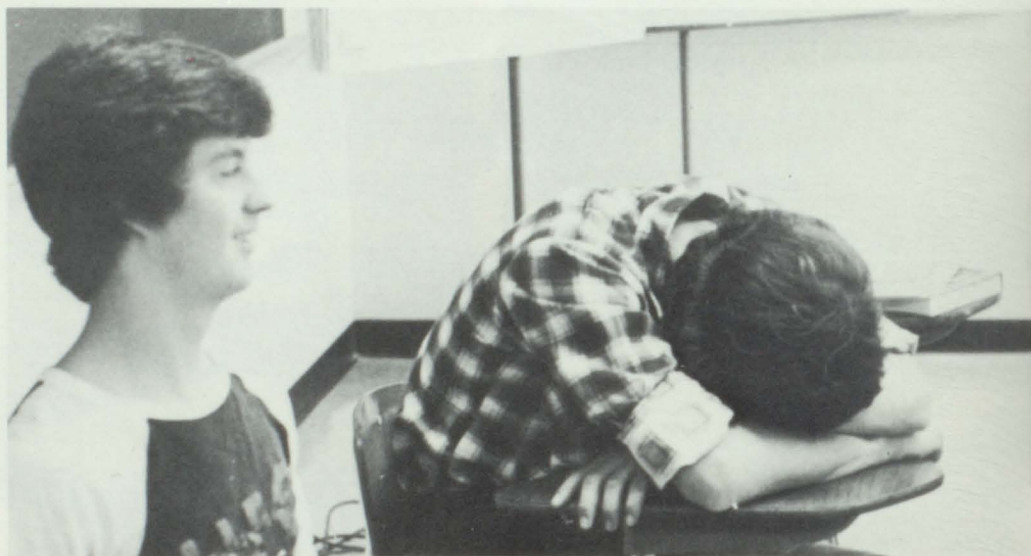


Surely the smiles displayed on the faces of Greg Sevison, Cory O'Dell, Mike Tarr, Todd Rhuby and Greg Slabach can't be for U.S. Government class!

Some students are more interested in Economics than others. Dennis Graber, Mark Darby and Kevin Bontreger listen intently while Jon Carpenter appears to be turning his attention toward other matters.



Is Kim Davis conceited, sleeping or just concentrating really hard? Actually she and Geri Miller are ignoring the camera during their U.S. History class.



It's often hard for a teacher to capture and hold a student's undivided attention. Kent Kauffman takes a moment to rest his eyes during Government while Jim Wingard seems to be having a good time.

Mr. Wilkey demonstrates a tremendous amount of interest in his students while listening to a question posed by junior Greg Eash.



The Study of Past, Present and Future

Social Studies is a basic area of study in all schools. Every student is required by law to have a minor in this area. This minor is achieved by taking two required courses: U. S. Government, U. S. History, and one elective. Students can choose between Sociology, Economics, and World Problems. The department is headed up by Mr. Paul Wilkey. Also teaching in this area are Mr. Mike McCoy and Jill Meuninck.

It may seem difficult to students to make Social Studies interesting, but teachers try to enliven the classes in different ways. For instance: the history classes have regular current event games, the government classes occasionally have the chance to visit a real courtroom, and the sociology classes have interesting discussions and projects.



While waiting for teacher Mrs. Jill Meuninck to call class to order, seniors Stacy Stutz, Natalie Smith, Missy Mahaffa, Tony Bontrager, Phil Miller, and Dennis Graber take some time to relax and get organized.

Although senior Doug Peachy appears to be taking Economics seriously, his classmate Chris Fisher looks more amused than anything.





Evidently reading something funny in their Spanish books, Lori Yoder, Cindy Miller and Judi Carpenter smile while others translate a story.

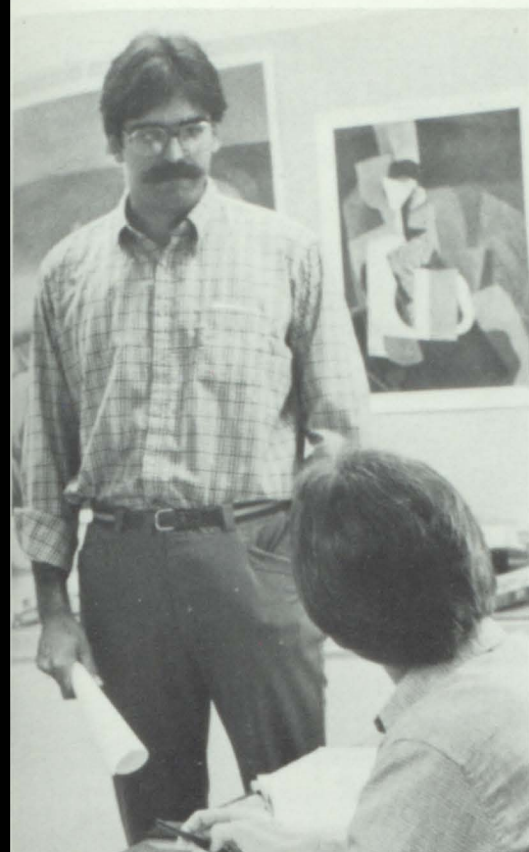


Pointing to the map to stress a point, speaker Mr. Barth has the full attention of all in the room.



There's always time for a little fun as Mr. Frazier jokes with Sherri Severson and Angie Mast.

Herr Frazier listens as Dave Falb poses a question in German II.



The Foreign Connection

Como esta usted? Muy bien, gracias. Wie geht es Ihnen? Gut, danke.

This is an example of what the 1st year students of foreign language learn. Also included in just the first year is learning the grammar of present and past tense verbs. Regular spelling words are given to add to the vocabulary of the students. The 2nd year student should be able to carry on a conversation with a small amount of difficulty. The 3rd year student then is directed toward gaining fluency.

But learning a language isn't all

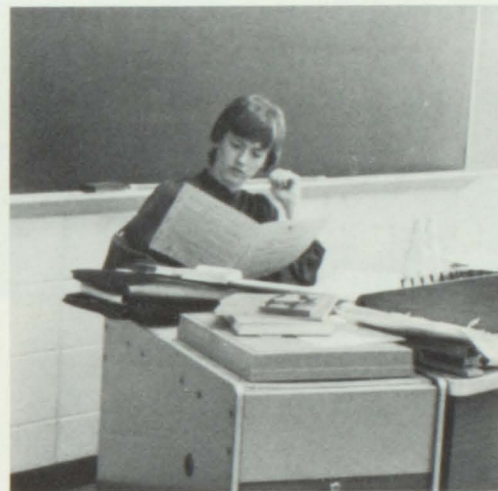
work and no play. Skits, movies, games and songs are all part of the courses. The Spanish class made pinatas and a meal complete with appetizers and desserts. The German class was treated with a lecture by a man from Germany and learned much about the culture.

Learning a different language is both interesting and fun. In addition to learning to speak Spanish or German, students open their minds to experience and understand the customs of a whole different country and world.



This Spanish class has fun while they work together translating sentences.

With their feet up and lounging back, Kevin LeMond and Shawn Erickson seem to think that German isn't too tough, but Mr. Frazier stands by to take care of that.



Taking time out of a teacher's busy schedule, Spanish teacher Mrs. Meuninck reads about the Mexico trip.

Finalizing their preparations for a Christmas tea in Home Arts are seniors Cynthia Terry, Natalie Smith, and Mindy Miniear.



Learning to Economize

What's home economics all about? It's learning to sew, cook a variety of foods, manage a budget, plan balanced meals, spend money wisely, can and freeze foods, do needlepoint, knit, decorate, organize, and much, much more. In this day and age, both guys and girls can benefit from these

classes. The time-saving steps and practical approaches to situations that need to be handled in everyday living are of value to everyone. So for a glimpse of what life today is like, take a look at the Home Economics Department at NHS.



Home Arts is co-taught by Mrs. Janeen Longfellow and Miss Shari Torok. Here, they seem to be mutually pondering a question being raised by one of their students.



Cake decorating can be both fun and creative. Guest speaker, Mrs. Yoder, demonstrates to the second hour Home Arts class the proper technique to this fine art.

Marking patterns can be tricky. Here, Cynthia Terry concentrates intently on her Advanced Clothing project.





Many hours need to be spent by Sharon Borntrager at the sewing machine before her blazer will be completed.

Helping Liz Galt with her recipe cards is Miss Shari Torok.

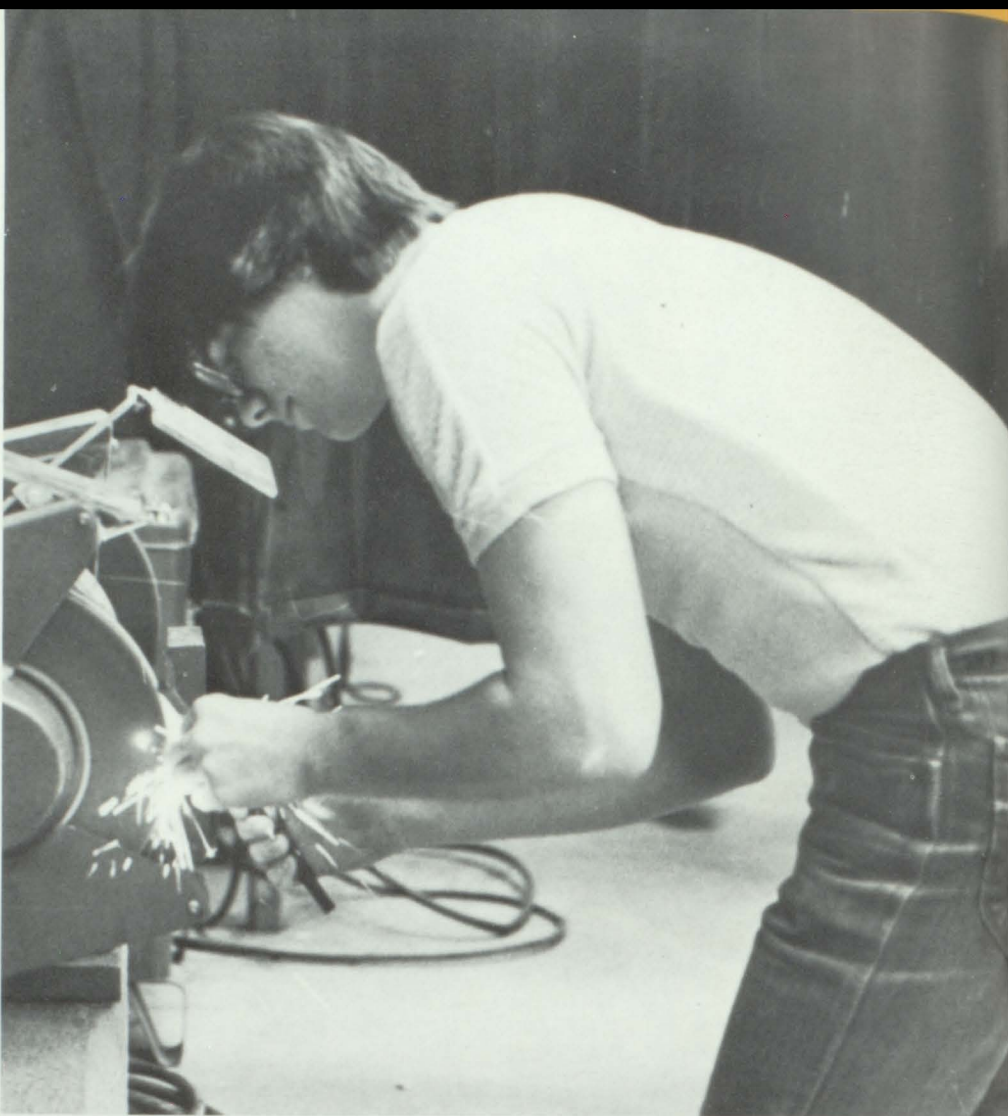


Listening intently to the instructions given to them by Mrs. Nelda Snider during their Clothing class are Lisa Gustafson and Valerie Eash.

Canning fruits and vegetables requires time and the helping hands of Lori Yoder, Sherrie Miller, Mike Grant and Mike Pletcher.

Sparks fly as Brian Breniser grinds a chisel on the grinding wheel. Other outstanding metal projects were a gyroscope, a vise, and a cannon.

Woods projects varied this year from a grandfather clock to a pool table, china cabinet to several desks, etc. Here Mike Baker is working on his cabinet.



Punching out tapes on the video-terminal is one assignment in Graphic Arts as shown by Jim Snowden.

A common sight is that of Mr. Gordon Kauffman helping his boys. One such student is Todd Peter.



Assistance is offered by Mr. Don Weirich as he helps Matt Kilmer lay out flats for a football playbook.

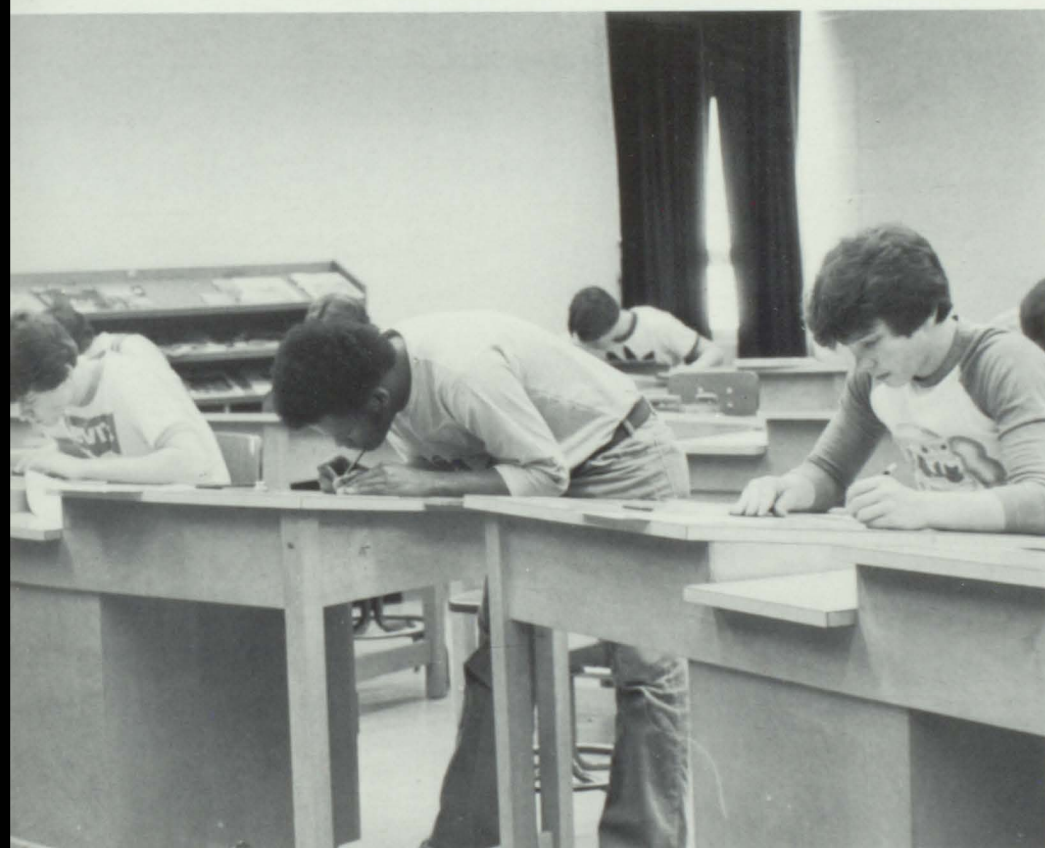


The Art of Industry

Precision, patience, accuracy, and imagination are all a part of the "art" of industry. Again this year students have shown their "knack" for combining these qualities. Teachers, Mr. Don Weirich, Mr. Gordon Kauffman, and Mr. Phil Berkey are all responsible for the good record our Industrial Arts department has set.

The areas in which students may

explore are: Metals, Woods, Power and Transportation, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Electricity. Each class is designed to give a broad, general, basic understanding of the skill. While Mr. Don Weirich said, "it is strictly an exposure for most students," he also mentioned that, "for some it can be an adventure."



Girls can learn too, as Jody Johnston is proving in her drafting class.

"Drafting is a language by way of pictures," says Mr. Gordon Kauffman. Eric Volman, Paul Collier, and Scott Mockler are a few of the students who are learning this language.



PEOPLE

The 1980 census took in millions of them. They were launched into orbit in the computer-delayed space shuttle. They were brought together during uncertain ordeals like the assassinations attempt on president Reagan and the 444 long days the U. S. Embassy was held captive in Iran. They were torn apart over controversy like the olympic boycott and the draft registration. They were even held in suspense for the answer to the question "Who shot J. R.?"

People. Whether it's an entire country, or just a handful of them in a locker room, the old cliché 'It takes all kinds to make a world' certainly holds true. Older folks are the wisdom of the past, younger folks are the hope of the future, and no matter how many computers and robots come on the scene, and no matter how many ways scientists experiment with genetics and cloning, there is still no substitute for them.

An empty house, factory, or school building is nothing more than bricks and cement. It's the people that make it solid gold.



Children, adults, friends, strangers, Raiders, rivals. Whoever it may be, it is a common practice to gather in the lobby at half time to socialize.





Seniors The Class of 1981

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Each happiness
of today is a
memory for
tomorrow.

Class Colors:

Champagne
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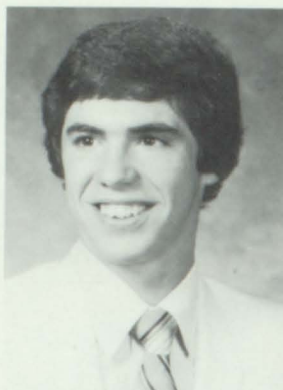
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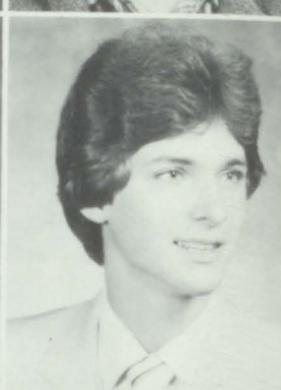
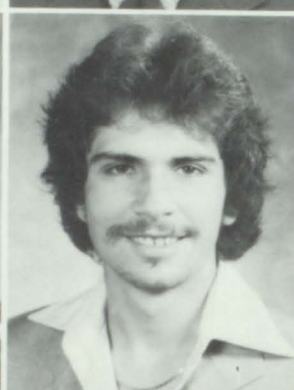
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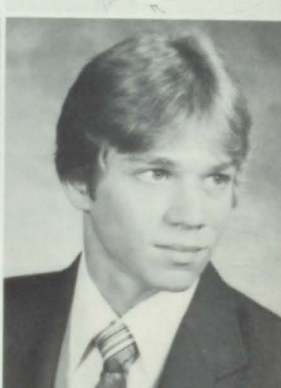
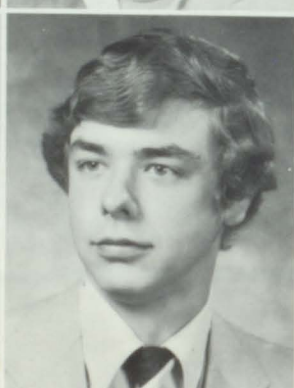
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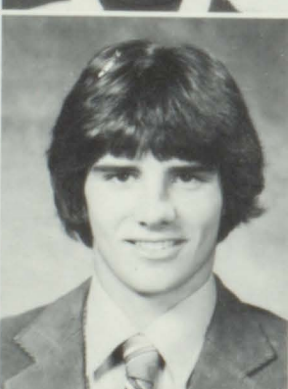
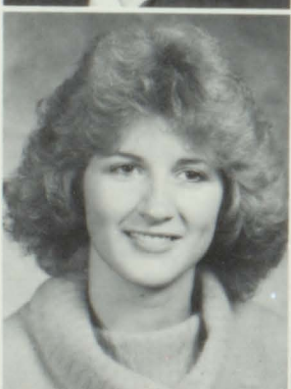
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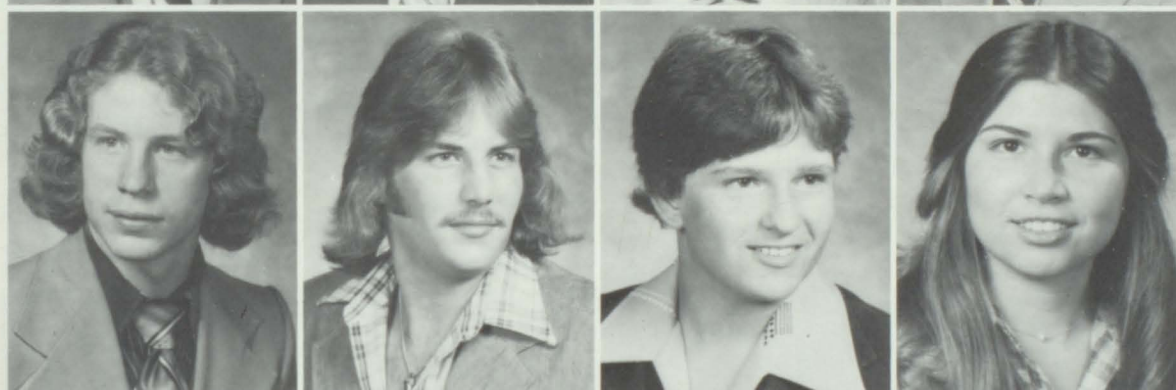
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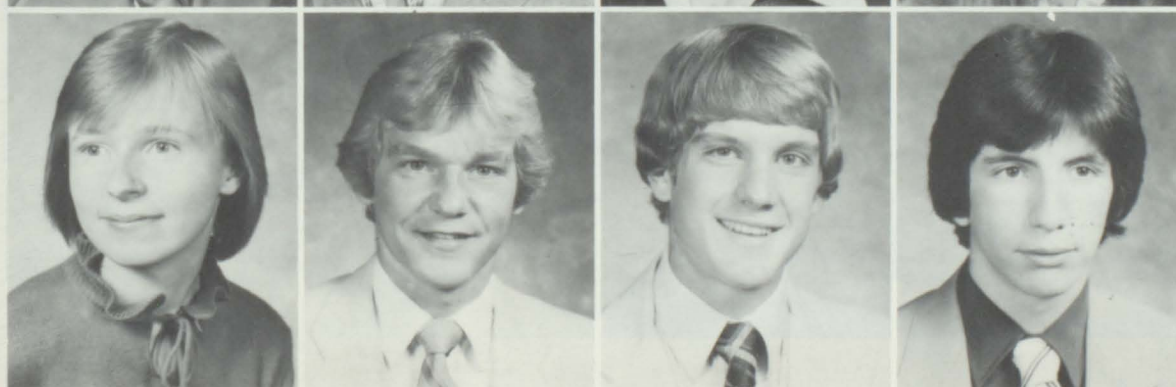
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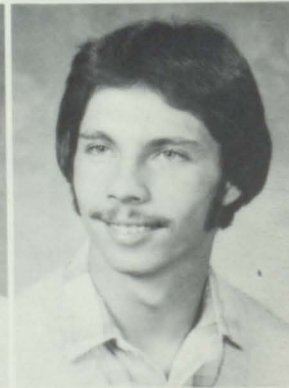
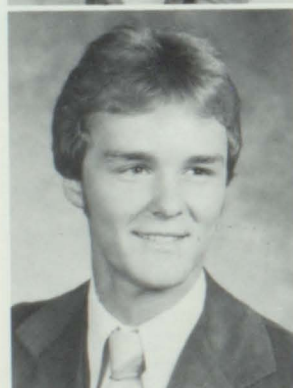
Although the Seniors did win the Spirit Week contest for the steadiest pyramid, Stacey Yoder appears to be more than a little anxious to get down.

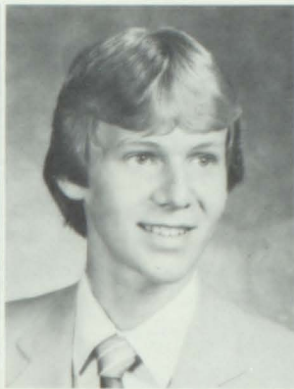


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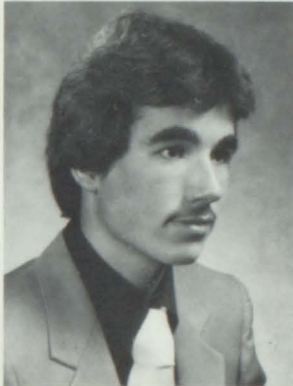


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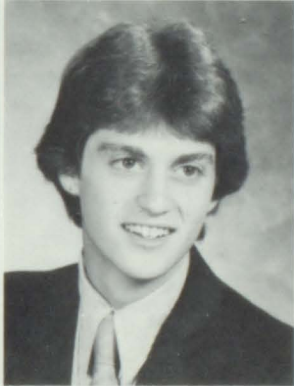




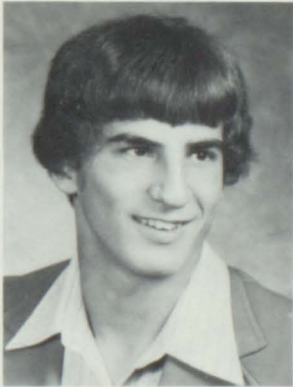
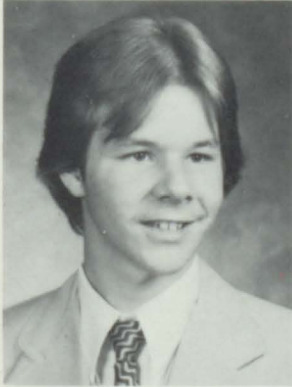
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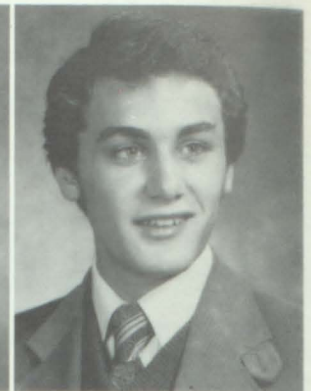
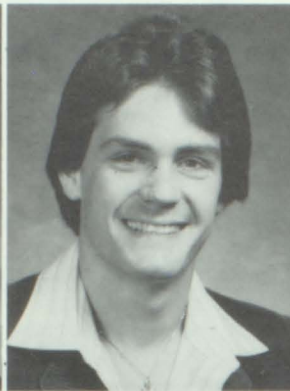


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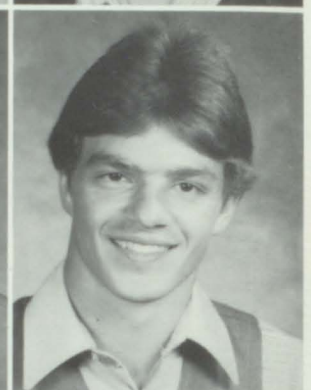
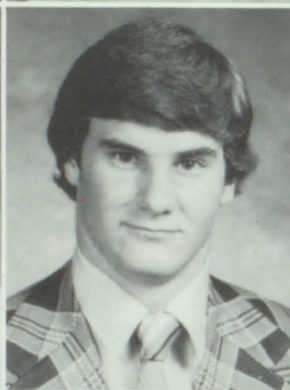
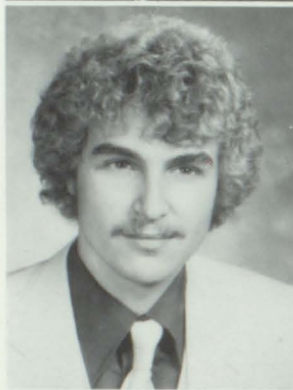
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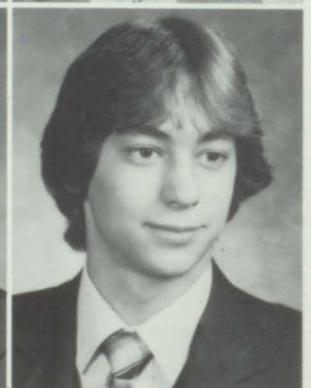
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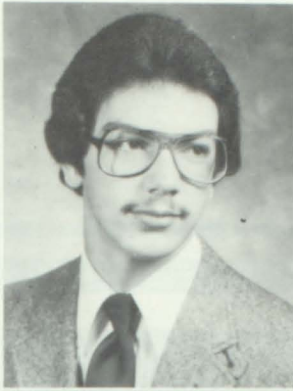


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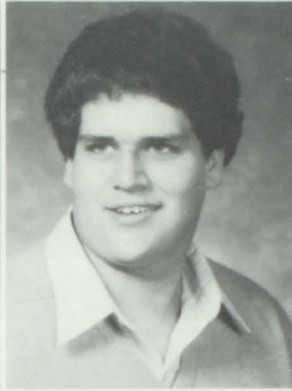
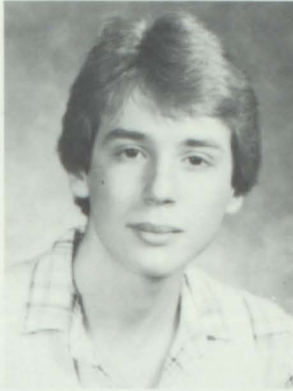


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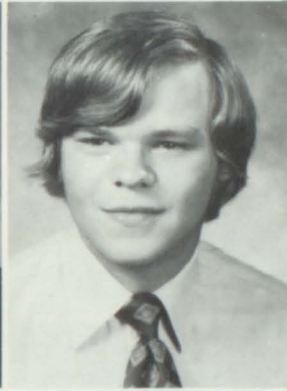
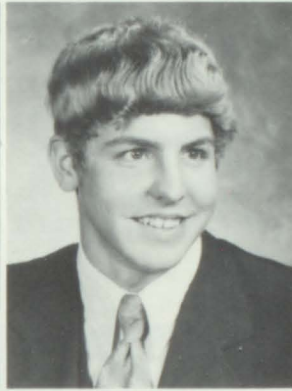
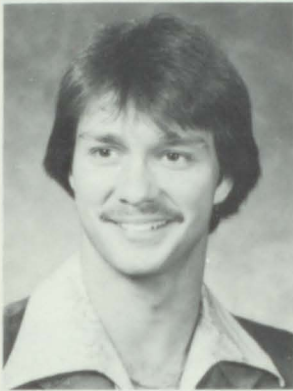




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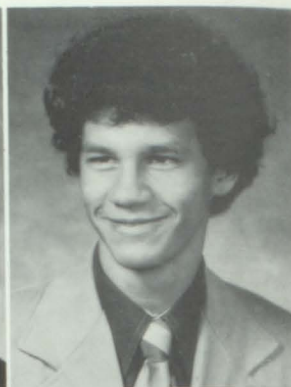


This year's seniors have always been known for their carefree attitudes and closeness as Jim Lantz and Tamie Braddock demonstrate here.

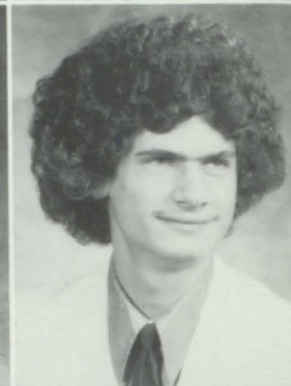
The library is a great place for some deep concentration. Monica Warstler takes advantage of some free time to get some research done.



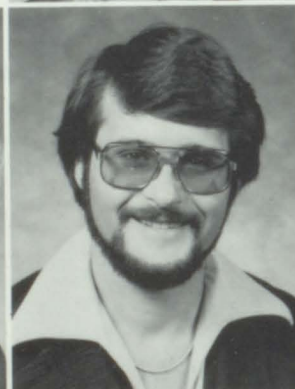
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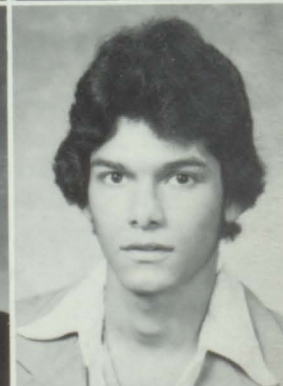
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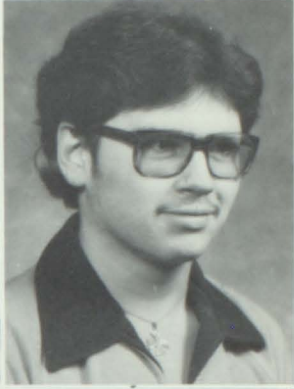
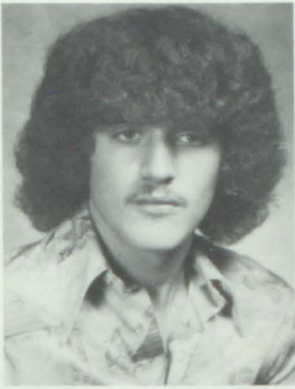


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Jack Rogers
Lincoln Roy

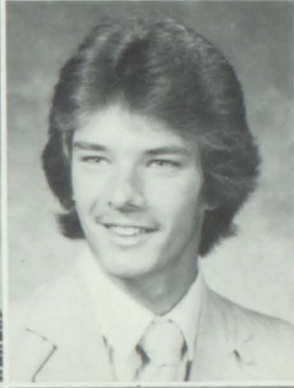
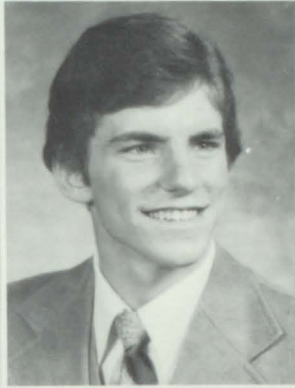
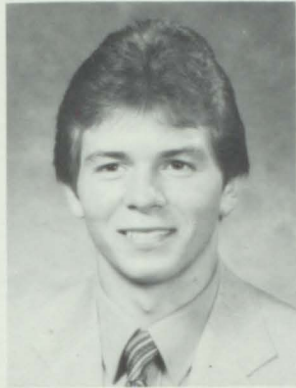


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Joe Sanford
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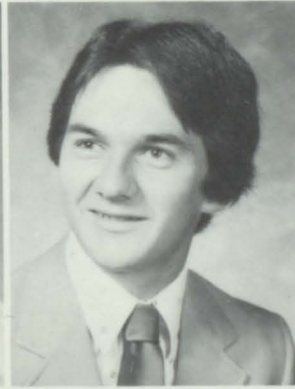




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 Jim Schmucker
 Barb Schrock
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Phil Schwartz
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Natalie Smith
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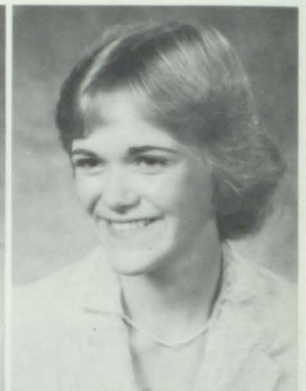
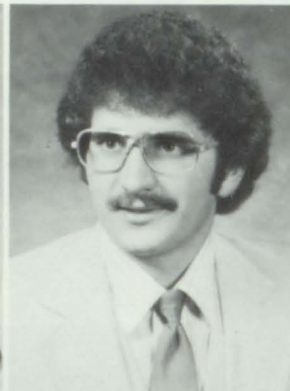


Missy Stout
 Julie Streeter
 Penny Strycker
 Stacy Stutz



The games seniors play! Tony Calabrese and Brian Wilcox get involved in Spirit Week activities during the wagon races.

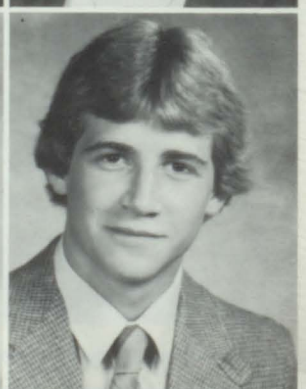
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Cynthia Terry



Don Thomas
Teresa Torrance
Ron Troyer
Valerie Troyer



Monica Warstler
Tim Weaver
Cara Wiggins
Brian Wilcox





Greg Wilson
Jim Wingard
SuAnn Woodlee
Charles Wysong



A. Dean Yoder
Alberta Yoder
Anita Yoder
Brent Yoder



Dean Yoder
Mary Yoder
Patsy Yoder
Janet York



Patrick Yowell
Jill Zebell
Scott Zirkle
Jill Zook

NOT PICTURED

Cheryl Fisher
Tom Rhude
Allen Ringler
Stacey Yoder

Having Fun in '81

Wednesday, May 13, the night of the senior banquet was quite a contrast to the Prom, which had taken place only four days earlier. The dignified atmosphere was exchanged for cheering and shouting, and formals and tuxes were left far behind. Most seniors came in their old, comfortable grubbies. (With the exception of Scott Hoover who arrived wearing a three piece suit).

The banquet was a carry-in meal, with students bringing the item assigned to their homeroom. Following the dinner, the movie "The Bionic Amishman" was shown, which was the team effort of Cory O'Dell, Jim Lantz, Ken Beachy, and Mitch Slabach. The evening ended with the presentation of the awards to the students, chosen by their classmates, as having certain outstanding qualities, features, abilities, and potentials.

The results were as follows:

Most Athletic — Keith Gingerich

Cindy Terry

Friendliest — Steve Petersen

Julie Bryant

Cutest — Brian Wilcox

Suzy Adamson

Best Dressed — Wayne Nethercutt

Kelly Kopf

Class Clown — Alan Cattel

Kellie Sarver

Most Likely to Succeed — Cory O'Dell
Ann Ludwig

Most Huggable — Jim Lantz
Patsy Yoder

Most Talkative — Dave Lantz
Lisa Pratt

Class Flirt — Mike Tarr
Tamie Braddock

Most Spirited — Tony Bontrager
Sandy Miller

Most Musical — Dennis Graber
Teresa Torrence

Best Actor/Actress — Cletis Miller
Stacey Yoder

Best Smile — Greg Slabach
Stacy Stutz

Class Bum — Jeff Miller

Pam Maygar

Class Radical — Tony Calabrese
Pam Maygar

Smartest — Roger Cave

Ann Ludwig

Best Body — Phil Schwartz

Mary Yoder

Brown Nose — Cory O'Dell

Monica Warstler

Preppiest — Todd Hruby

Stacey Yoder

Armchair Quarterback — Mike Eash
Missy Stout



It was an evening filled with rowdiness and laughter, as the award presentation preceded "The Bionic Amishman."

Left to right are Kellie Sarver (Class Clown), Dave Lantz and Lisa Pratt (Most Talkative), Tony Bontrager and Sandy Miller (Most Spirited), and Stacy Stutz (Best Smile).



As class president Greg Slabach announces the next lucky winner, Phil Schwartz (Best Body), Suzy Adamson and Brian Wilcox (Cutest), and Steve Petersen (Friendliest) wait in the background.

"Most Athletic" seniors Cynthia Terry and Keith Gingerich smile after being presented their awards.





Class officers Jim Lantz (also "Most Hug-gable") and Paula Wallace handed out awards to those chosen. In front are Greg Slabach (Best Smile), Todd Hruby (Preppiest), Kelly Kopf and Wayne Nethercutt (Best Dressed), and Teresa Torrence and Dennis Graber (Most Musical).



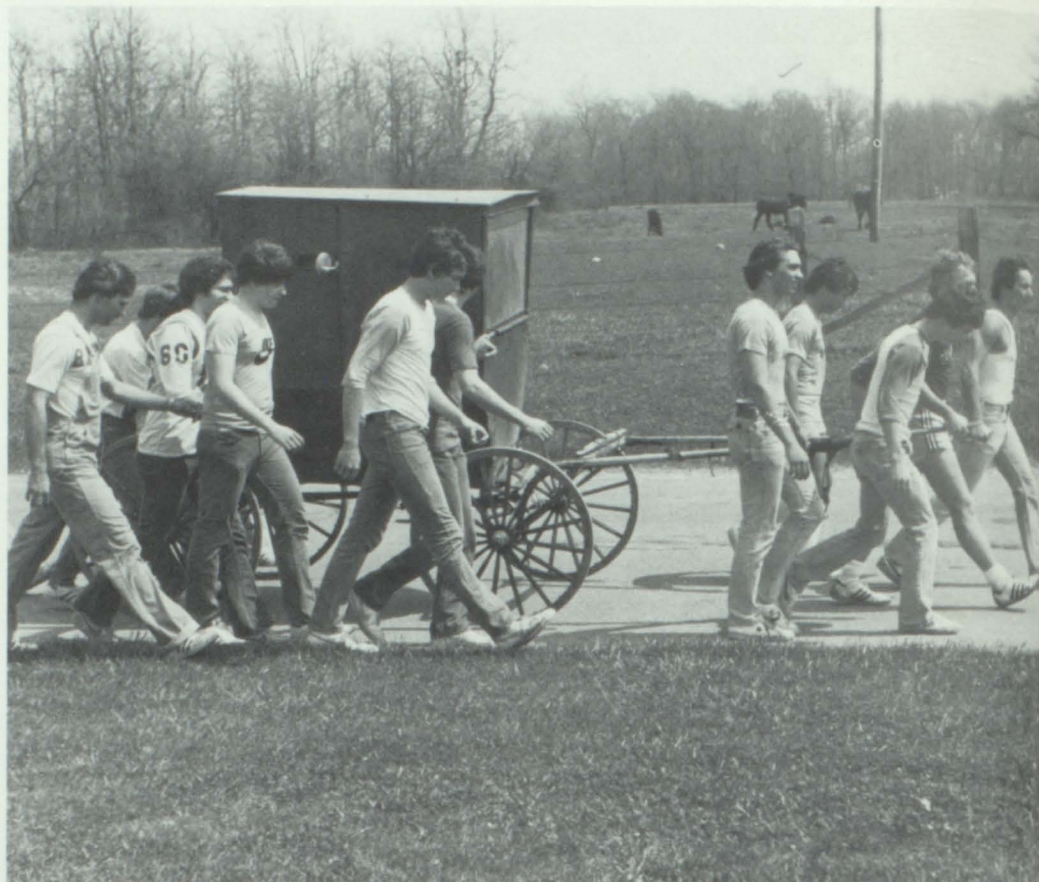
Bringing out his best tie for the occasion, Ron Hout accepted the "Armchair Quarterback" award for Mike Eash who was in Texas.

"Preppiest" Todd Hruby congratulates Tony Calabrese on being named the "Class Radical."

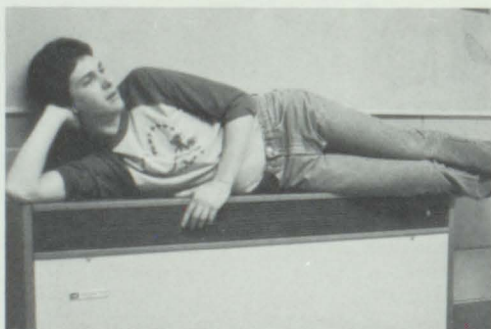
Feature

Someone not familiar with Northridge's senior tradition of putting a buggy on the roof would think this scene quite strange, but not to the seniors!!

Caught at the scene of the crime are Tony Bontrager, Tim Copeland, Jeff Miller, Greg Slabach, Scott Zirkle, Tim Gage, Todd Hruba, and Scott Hoover.



At the end of marching season Miss Ulrey is always given some token of appreciation but this year the senior auxiliary members and band members really outdid themselves by creating their own quilt.



For some reason students find an unspoken area in which they congregate. As Ken Beachy is here doing, seniors are often found warming their "buns" on the register.



The seniors have always sat in the front of the cheering section and that special senior spirit is displayed here as the senior boys support their athletes by building a pyramid.

Senior Traditions

They are more than just habits — they are traditions! Whether it's a family tradition, like getting together for Christmas dinner, a country's tradition, like celebrating the Fourth of July, or a school's tradition, like playing the school song before a game, they're all important to the people who uphold them. Sometimes the original meaning is forgotten but new meanings are soon attached.

Seniors seem to be the keepers of tradition at Northridge. The tradi-

tions begin to accumulate and every year it seems like there's more of them. They add to the hectic schedule many seniors keep. They add responsibility but they also add a lot of good times.

Whatever the reason may be, traditions seem to be here to stay. They draw people together and give everyone, especially the seniors, a special attitude and lots of fond memories.



Senior recognition is an annual thing for not only the auxiliary members, as shown, but also the pep band, concert band, choir, and sports activists.

Senior girls have spirit too, or at least spunk. The custom of the senior girls doing a skit for a pep session is acted out here by Suzy Adamson, Tina Moore, Missy Mahaffa, Natalie Smith, and Monica Warstler.



At the end of the year, students have many mixed feelings. Generally, though, the seniors are happy and when that number 1 is pulled off the wall — everybody knows.

"Oh wow!" says Miss Ulrey receiving a Fuji bicycle from the senior band members, and many others who generously contributed. Every year they give her something and every year Miss Ulrey expresses her appreciation by saying "Oh wow!"

Juniors

Pres. Joy Kauffman
 V.P. Scott Tilley
 Sec. Kim Davis
 Treas. Bob Warstler



Steve Ambrose
 Charmane Andrews
 Byron Askew
 Dave Baker
 Mike Baker
 Larry Bender



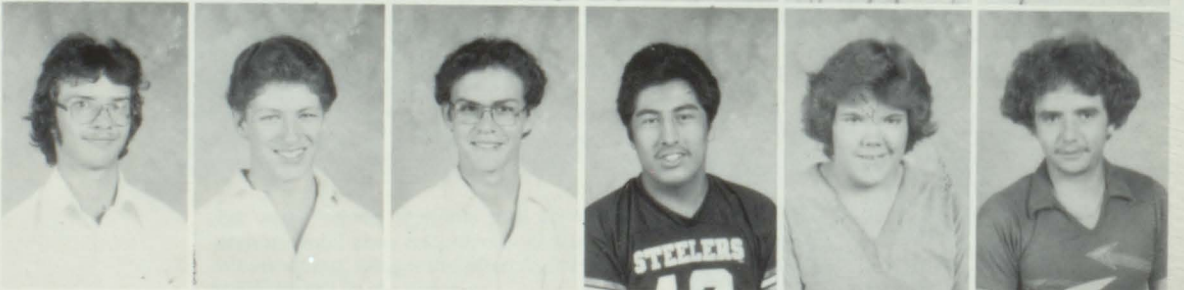
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 Susie Bontrager
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 Emily Bryant

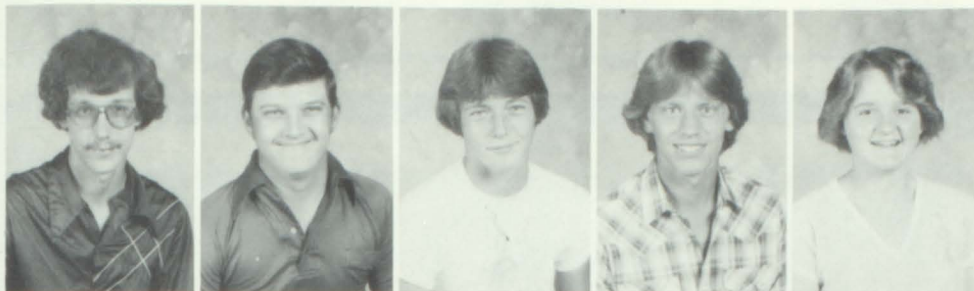


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 Jon Carpenter
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 Pam Conley
 Brent Cooper



Dennis Cox
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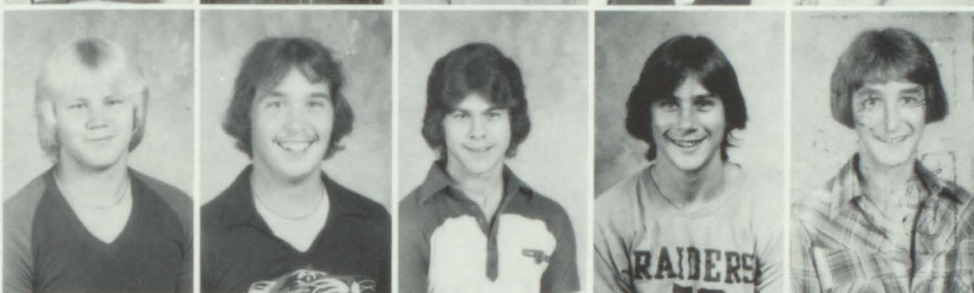




Bob Deters
David Ditmars
Willis Dyehouse
Gregg Eash
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Shawn Erickson
Kevin Evans
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Chris Fisher
Crystal Forbes



Greg Franklin
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Rick Gage
Jerry Garber
Tim Geyer

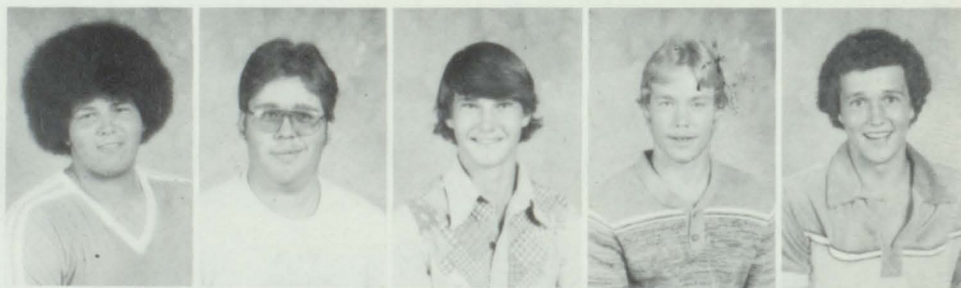


Intense concentration shows on the face of Emily Bryant as she studies.

Accounting has its ups and downs and Chris Fisher appears to be in one of the downs here. His attention seems to be focused more on Kassi Hooley than on his books.



Steve Gonderman
Barnard Goodrich
Don Goody
Scott Graber
Rick Grewe

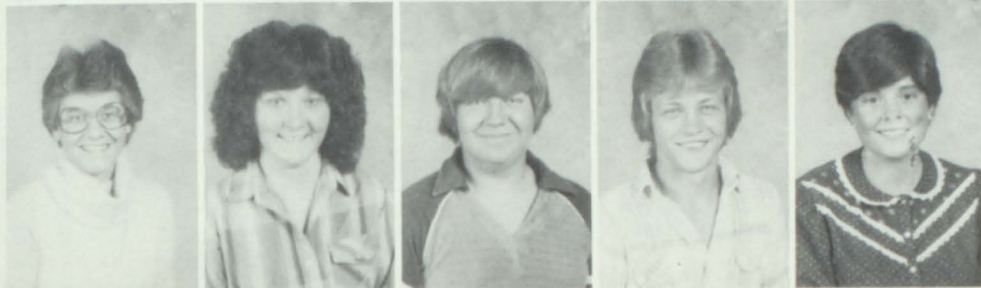


Chris Grotrian
Kaighn Hankins
Jim Hansen
Kris Harper
Lianne Hart





Dave Hawkins
 Jamie Hershberger
 Jay Hershberger
 Tom Hershberger
 Brian Hire



Mary Hochstedler
 Ronda Holaway
 Rick Holdeman
 Brad Hooley
 Kassi Hooley



Carol Hughes
 Pam Jewett
 Sherry Johnson
 Jeff Kauffman
 Kathy Kauffman



Rhonda Rhodes searches for ideas as Sarah Miller signs a yearbook.

Kris Harper glances at papers in one of her classes.



James Kline
Charlotte Knepp
Steve Krah



Robin Laffoon
Jerry Lawson
Paul Leedy



Kevin LeMond
Keith Ludwig
H. Leroy Mann



Dennis Mast
Jennifer Mechling
Anthony Miller
Gerry Miller



Jeff Miller
Ken Miller
Marion Miller
Melanie Miller



Patti Yoder and Randy Wilson chuckle over accounting procedures.



Robert Miller
Sarah Miller
Ted Miller
Cheryl Miniear
Lori Nettrouer
Gary Nisley

Robin Nusbaum
Edward Pegg
Todd Peter
Mark Purdy
John Rauguth
Deb Raybuck



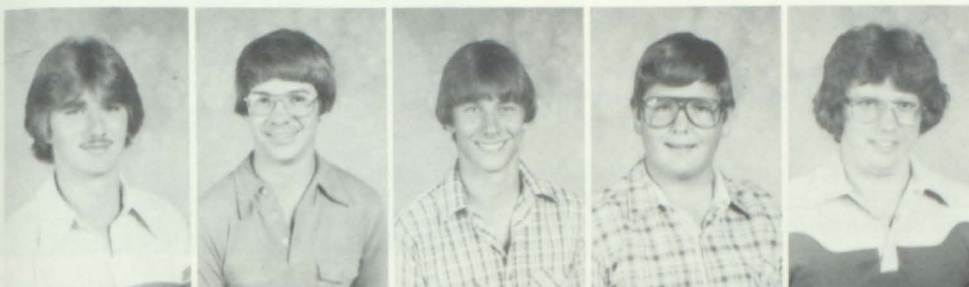
Yearbook signing can be a lot of fun as seen by the expressions on the faces of Deb Biller, Joy Kauffman, Kerri Yoder, Susie Bontreger, Kim Davis, and Kassi Hooley.

Bronwyn Reimer
Rhonda Rhodes
Brian Slabach
Barb Schrock
Brian Schrock



Jerri Schultz
Lavon Schwartz
Sara Sherck
Doug Simon
Lori Slabaugh





Tim Sommers
Todd Stahley
Tim Stout
Curtis Stump
Mike Thornton



Marcy Troyer
Marie Troyer
Lori Weirich
Robin Whetstone
Randy Wilson



Frank Wyman
Kerri Yoder
Patti Yoder

NOT PICTURED:

Elizabeth Griffin
Patty Griffin
Linda Hoffman
Dave Russell
Arte Shafer
Pam Siler
Linda Slabach
Todd Smucker
Kent Sullivan

Feature

The western look has revived in recent years with cowboy hats, leather items, and boots such as those coming to the fore.

Different impressions are given by those that wear this famous brand-name jeans. Either they're rich or they sacrifice all else to buy a pair of Calvin Klein's, for they run about \$42.



Girls and guys today both strive to find the "fit" that's best for them.

Today the "in" styles vary anywhere from the comfortably "grubby" to the "perfectly proper" look. Students here confirm that by wearing anything from flannel shirts and tennis shoes to sweaters and top siders.



Top siders, flats, boat shoes, mocassins — whatever they are called these shoes are seen walking all over school.



There is nothing that feels better after "dressing up" than to slip into a favorite pair of faded old jeans such as Levi's.

Anybody that's *anybody* wears "Izods" on their body. Not really, but alligators and foxes have become popular animals seen crawling all over shirts and sweaters.



Familiar Actions and Duds at School

People like to feel accepted. While persons should be judged on who they are as a person, many times judgements are made at first by the way they look. Really, there is no right or wrong way to dress but rather a matter of what is accepted or well-liked by the general public. People's standards change, though, and this is what creates fads.

Certain items really stood out as popular: Izods, clothing with alligators on them have become something almost everyone desires. Why does a shirt with an alligator on it seem more desirable than one without it? It's the fad. Or why are straight-legged jeans so often seen when ten years ago "bell-bottoms" were "in"? It's the fad. Remember all the top-siders students

wore? Some even had a few different colored pairs for different outfits. Then there were the various types of braiding hair that even whole cheer-leading squads from other schools adopted.

But clothing and hair styles aren't the only things that create fads — dances, games, activities, etc. also become popular "crazes". This year Popeye folders were the thing to carry, a popular expression was "go for it", and common games to pass time were the Rubick's cube and various computer games.

Although seemingly very important in students lives, the now familiar actions and duds at school will continue to be replaced by new fads and "crazes" in later years.



Hairstyles also vary and have their own advantages. A common look is the softly feathered hair like Pam Siler's and the french-braiding of hair like Darlene Neumann's.

Sophomores

Pres. Mitch Slabach
V.P. Cindy Miller
Sec. Sandra Miller



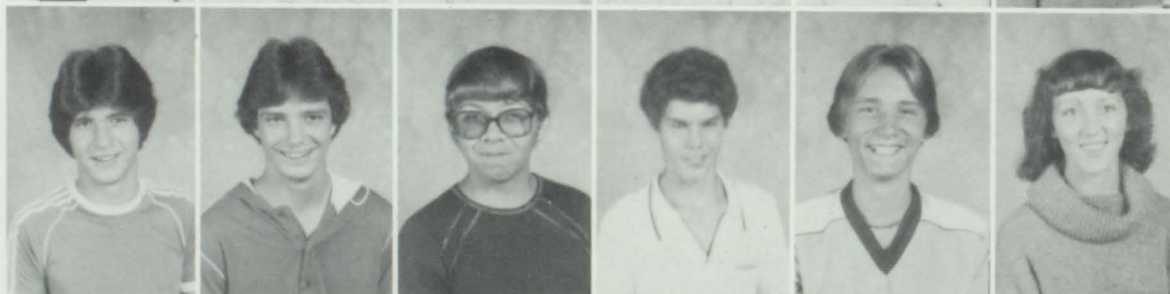
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Dave Baumgartner
Alyse Berger
Dina Bloss



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Kyle Bontrager
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Todd Bontrager
Steve Borntrager
Mary Bowman



Lee Braddock
Wes Bryan
Mark Burkhead
Paul Carlin
Mike Caudell
Judi Carpenter



Cami Clark
Robin Collins
Mike Conklin
Ilena Cox
Fred Cripe
Gary Crockett





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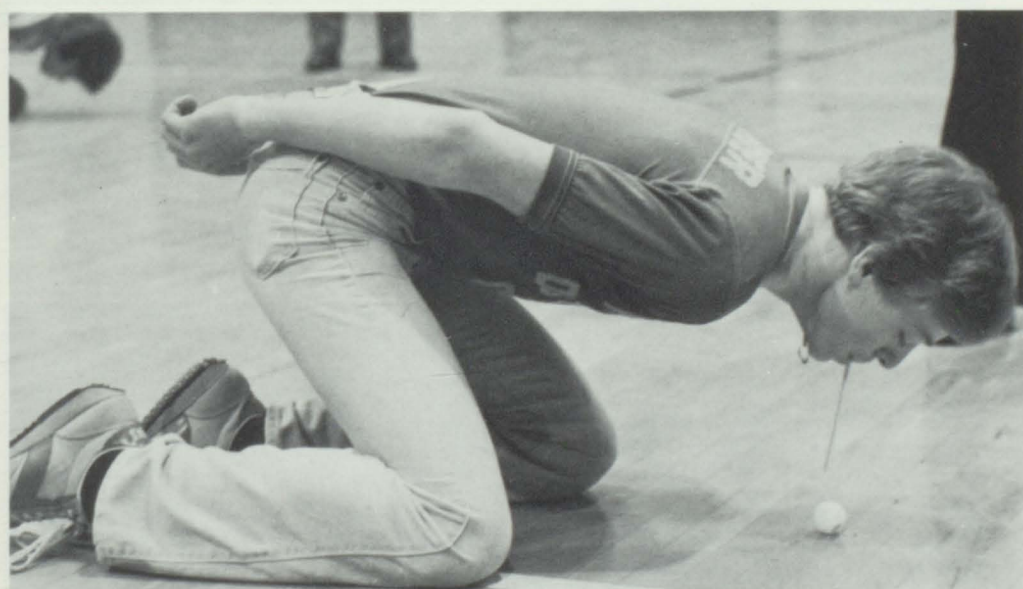
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Rob Fidler
Pam Fisher
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Judy Forster
Debbie Fowler



Greg Fry
Judy Fuller
Phil Gage
Elizabeth Galt
Caryn Graber
Joe Gaume



The class of '83 is known for its skill at the various games played during Spirit Week. Lydell Troyer demonstrates his ability during the Ping Pong Relay.

Class rings are an important part of the year for many sophomores. Teresa Torrance pauses to admire Doug Slabach's class ring on March 6, the day it was delivered.



Scott Giddens
Dawn Gerardi
Pam Gonderman
Dottie Gorsuch
Lisa Gould
Tina Graber



Greg Grant
Charles Gray
Curtis Gray
Rick Groom
Lisa Gustafson
Chris Hackett



Troy Hammon
Jennifer Haney
Chris Harshberger
Susan Hayes
Doug Heibling
Denise Henderson





Val Herschberger
Wes Herschberger
Tammy Higgins
David Hill
Mark Hostetler



Brenda Holaway
Stephanie Holdeman
Rhonda Holderman
Cindy Hood
Janet Hooley



Marcia Hooley
Janet Hostetler
Tonda Houser
Deb Hout
Terri Howard



Elaine Hunt
Steve Huys
Jill Kauffman
Joann Kauffman
Kent Kauffman



Trudy Keim
Angie Kennard
Rhonda Kilgore
Matt Kilmer
Chet Konkle



Matt Krueger
Kim Kurtz
Kelly Cripe
Amy Cripe
Kelly Lacy

Cheryl Lambright
Barry Lang
Greg LaRue
Steve Laughlin
Doug Leatherman



Karen Lee
Todd Lehman
Marie Leto
Julie Ludwig
Hung Chi Ly



Quang Ly
Beth McBride
Becky McClane
Ken McCreary
Bill McGuire



Andy Mahaffa
Angie Mast
Cheryl Mast
Sherrie Mast
Greg Matteson



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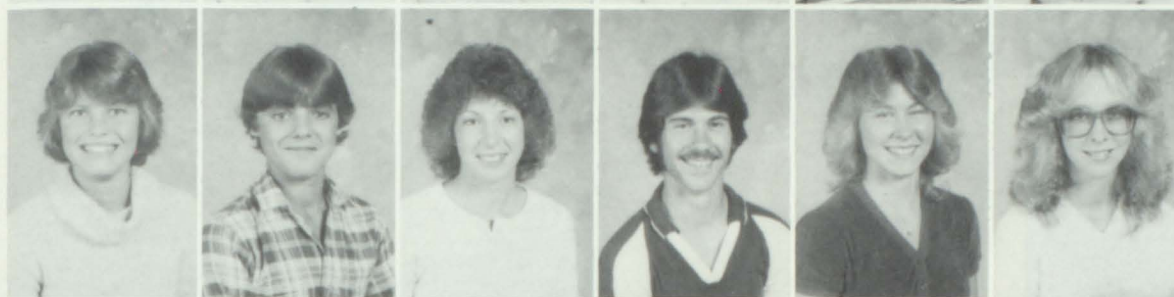


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Randy Miller
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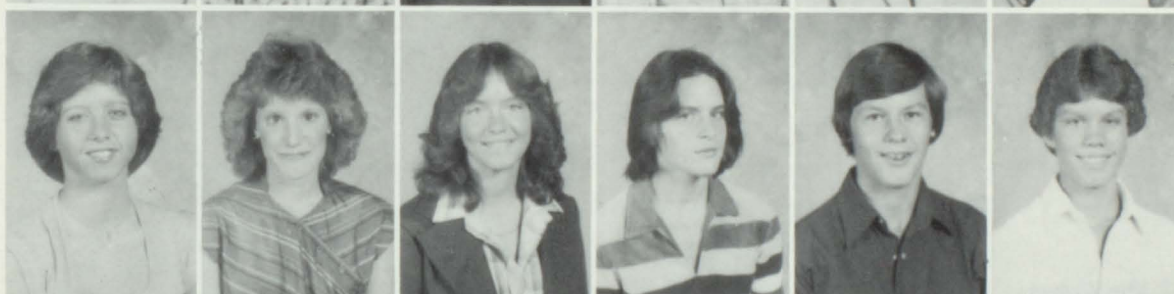
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Gayle Rheinheimer
Kevin Rhodes



Shelly Rissot
Darrel Ritchie
Greg Roberts
Michael Roy
Irene Sanford
Tim Schlichter



Janel Schrock
Jenni Schultz
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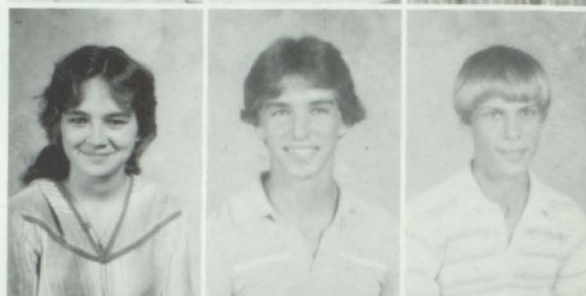
Look at how friendly the sophomores are!
Here, Lori Puckett and Mitch Slabach
demonstrate this friendly attitude at Terre
Haute during state band contest.



Steve Streeter
Kerri Stump
Jana Stutzman



Anna Slabaugh
Dana Martz
Mark Thomas



Laura Thompson
Stacy Todd
Lydell Troyer
Patti Troyer
Shelly Troyer



Tina Troyer
Chris Truex
James Van Scoik
Tim Wade
Gloria Watson



Kim Weaver
Monte Weaver
Chris Whetstone
Greg Williams
Ken Wills





Roger Wyman
Crystal Wyse
Andy Yoder
Dawn Yoder
Don Yoder



Jolynn Yoder
Len Yoder
Lori Yoder
Mattie Yoder
Misi Yoder



Wayne Yoder
Carol York
Christopher Yowell



NOT PICTURED
Ken Bontrager
Scott Doutlick
Dave Eash
Karl Miller
Tammy Miller
Lisa Treece

Becoming involved in the school and its activities is important to many students, and many begin their involvement their sophomore year. Here, Julie Ludwig practices a flag routine in preparation for a performance.

Freshmen

Pres. Lori Robinson
V.P. Becky Bowman
Sec. Tami Hawkins



Brian Allred
Collette Andrews
Teresa Archer
Dennis Baker
Eric Barnell
Chris Baylis



Ray Bell
Bill Benn
Floyd Bishop
Darwin Bontrager
Steve Bontrager
Todd Bontrager



Rosezella Borntager
Jay Boughner
John Bourdon
Penny Burkett
Karen Call
Dan Campbell



Jay Carlin
Robin Castenando
Todd Checkley
John Chupp
Robyn Cline
Paul Collier





Tonya Cook
Claudia Corson
Steve Cross
Jim Deters
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Ward Dirks

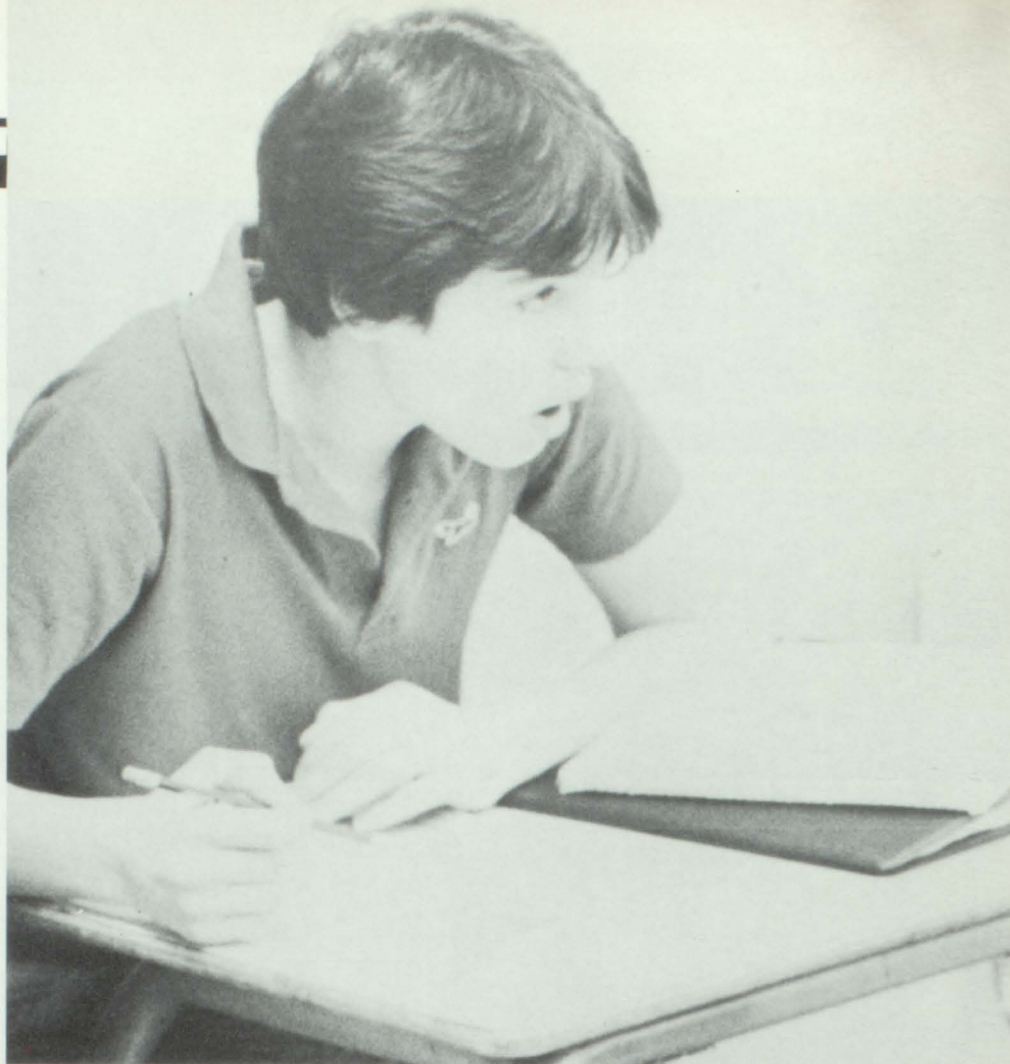
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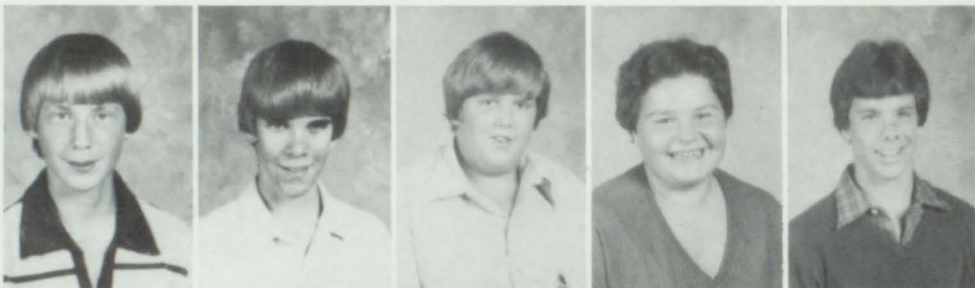


It's the first year at Northridge and along with the fun come the classes. Eric Barnell, Dave Kauffman, and Jay Boughner appear to be coping with drafting.

Some of the things a teacher expects you to know are ridiculous! Mark Royce appears to be dumbfounded as he listens to his teacher Mr. Dave Willig during a General Science class.



Scott Gaisler
Jeff Graber
Mike Grant
Maribeth Groves
Jim Hackett



Kim Hammon
Kea Hankins
Kean Hankins
Tammie Hansen
Tom Hellinga



Jerry Herschberger
Mark Hilton
Rod Hire
Ruby Hostetler
Tracy Holdeman





Randy Holderman
Tony Holland
Sam Hoover
Dan Hostetler
Teresa Hostetler



Shari Hruby
Misi Huber
Matt Hughes
Julie James
Jodi Johnson



Susan Johnson
Dave Kauffman
Randy Kauffman
Sonja Kauffman
Kris Kaufman



Scott Kaufman
Stephanie Keck
Mary Keister
Anita Kelley
Tammy Kilgore



Kris Kline
Brian Kolka
Dawn Kreighbaum
Leroy Kopf
Delwin Kropf



Lisa Lechlitrer
Jeanne LeCount
Tina Loucks
Laura Feathers
Loren Martz

Debbi Meyer
Rocky Meyer
Bob Miller
Craig Miller
John E. Miller



John R. Miller
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Kendall Miller
Kevin Miller
Kris Miller



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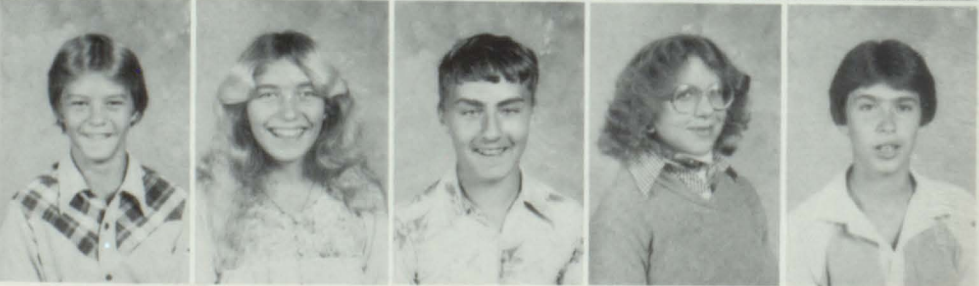
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Tony Moore
Dan Patrick
Lorene Paulson



Pam Peachy
Lisa Peterman
Mike Pletcher
Jerry Ragsdale
Anne Reigsecker



Kevin Rice
Robin Rink
Dean Rockwell
Susan Ross
Mark Royce





Sonja Sailor
Mark Schlabach
Gary Schrock



Kathy Schueneman
Julie Schwartz
Ron Simmons



Linda Slabach
Donna Smith
Kim Smith

The Semi-formal highlights the year for many freshmen. Lori Robinson and Sue Yoder show their creative talents as they decorate the cafeteria for the big night.



Teri Soos
Scott Stutzman
Rod Sutton
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Freshmen have spirit too! Freshmen cheerleaders Debbi Meyers, Cindy Yoder, Shari Hruby, and Kea Hankins set a great example at a freshman basketball game.

Michelle Weaver
Randy Weinly
Lori Whetstone
Charles Wiederman
Tom Williams
Jeff Wilson



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John Wood
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Lilly Wyman
Carlton Yoder
Carmen Yoder
Cindy Yoder



Darin Yoder
Dave Yoder
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Sue Yoder
Jim Young

NOT PICTURED

Deanna Bradley
Krystal Burks
Ron Cripe
Darrin Ellis
Kathy Ellis
Jeff Graber
Mark Hall
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Jeff A. Miller
Bob Nickoson
Bob Pedzinski
Charles Ranson
Melissa Richmond
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Donald Lancot
Janeen Longfellow
Mike McCoy
Dennis McCrumb
Jill Meuninck



Gary Modlin
Gail Moody
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Theo Outman
Irv Pratt
Gerald Rasler



Giving people, especially students, a long steady look is sometimes part of a principal's job as Mr. James McCormick demonstrates.

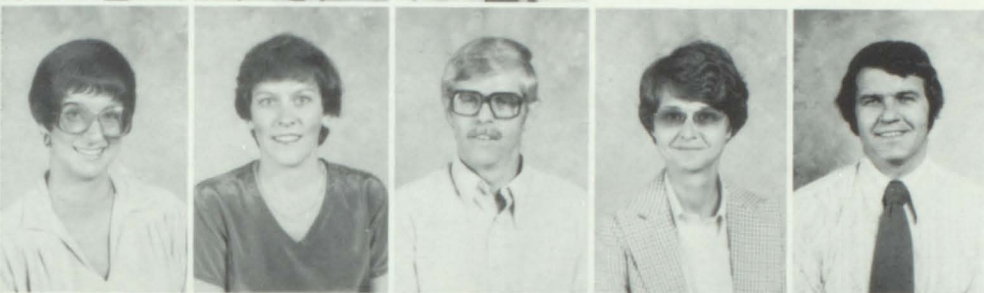




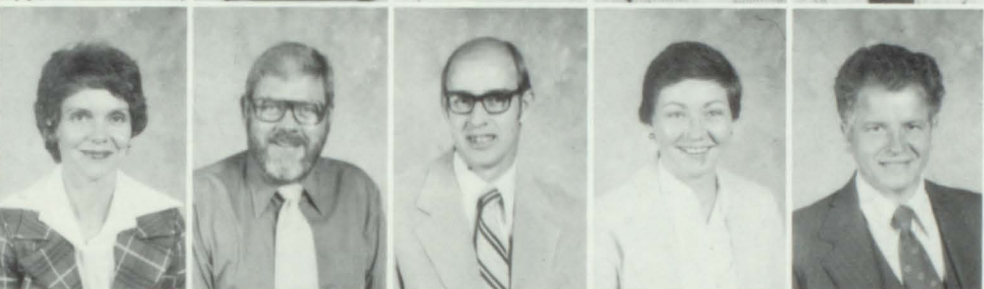
Ray Reid
Lois Rhodes
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Dana Snider
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Jeannine Talley
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Don Weirich



Susan Weybright
Paul Wilkey
Dave Willig
Mary Zimmer
Gordon Kauffman



Even teachers need time to relax! Miss Lynn Thomas uses the teacher's lounge for just that purpose.



NOT PICTURED:
Linda Grant
Helene Katz
James Rhodes
Lynn Thomas

The Spirit Week tug-of-war contest included the teachers this year. Here, some of the faculty is shown "pulling" for the Raiders — or maybe just attempting to stay clean.

After the library experienced a minor electrical problem, it was Harry Prough to the rescue once again.

Neither rain nor sleet nor the snow of winter can stop Charlie Miller from keeping the school's sidewalks clear.



It requires a group effort to make lunch for over six hundred people every day as Marlis Cox, Etta Frye, Edna Hochstetler, and Cora Miller demonstrate.



Meals and Maintenance

Although it's been said many times before, it's still true that the people behind the scenes are the people who make things happen. Whether it's cooking for a school full of students, fixing lights, plowing snow, mowing grass, or simply sweeping halls, it's all a necessary part of the proper functioning of a school. Northridge is blessed with people who combine efficiency and friendliness. These people help to create a pleasant atmosphere in which to function. They enjoy working here and it's evident through their patience in dealing with gum wrappers and papers in the halls, food fights, and even buggies on the roof. They always provide service with a smile — and they even do windows!

The assembly line style is often the most efficient way to get things done. Here, Nancy Yoder, Cora Miller, Marlis Cox, and Mattie Miller work quickly to beat the student stampede to the cafeteria.

The mops, brooms, and trash can are certainly familiar sights to the halls of Northridge and Donna Zigler's cheerful presence gives everyone a slight boost.



COMMUNITY

Stagflation — a word used by economists meaning the economy is stagnant and inflation is growing worse.

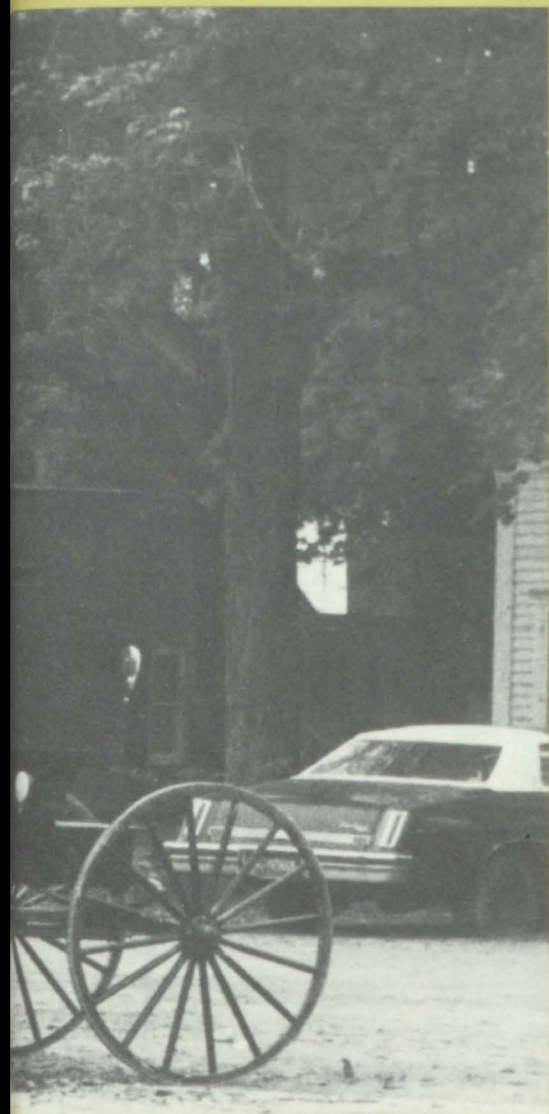
Things got rough all over. Recession laid off adults as well as students and did away with overtime. Inflation dealt it's crushing blow as gasoline soared over \$1.30 per gallon and the price of peanut butter doubled.

In an attempt to piece the economy together and put the nation back on it's feet, President Reagan promised to cut government spending.

Naturally, this left many people wondering how the cuts would affect them — especially college bound seniors in need of government-backed student loans.

But, try as they might, recessions have had a difficult time ruining the country. Take, for instance, the depression of 1929.

Community activity may slow down, but gold fever and the desire for success forbids it to ever stop.



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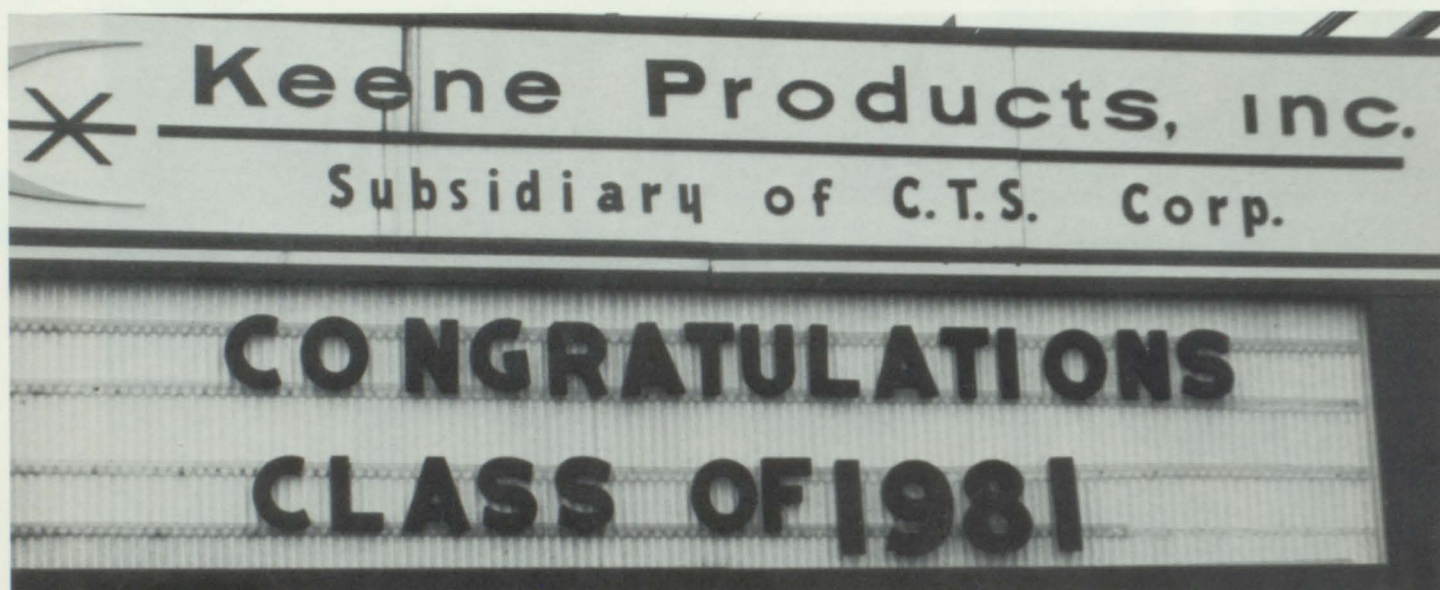
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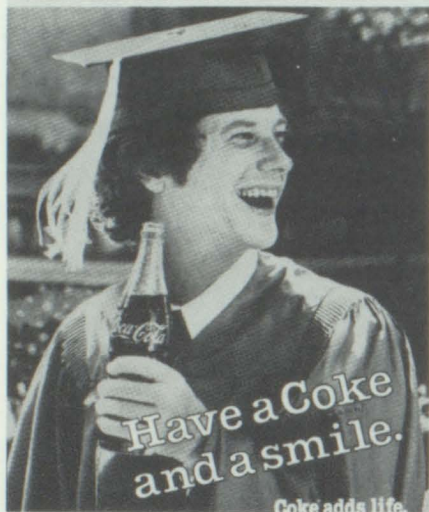


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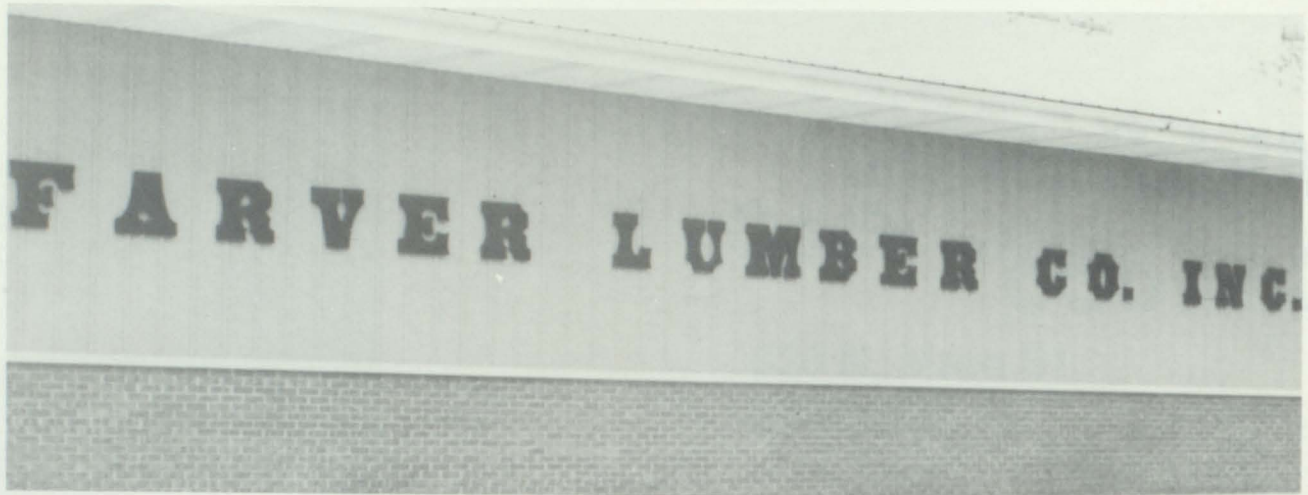
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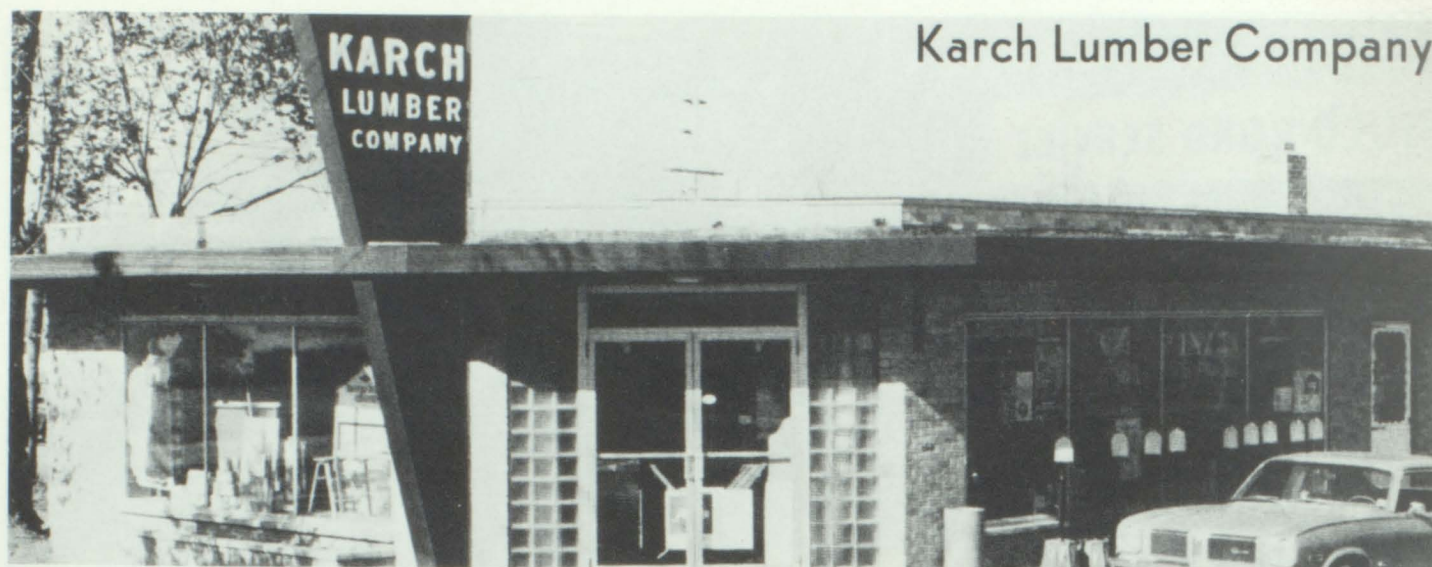
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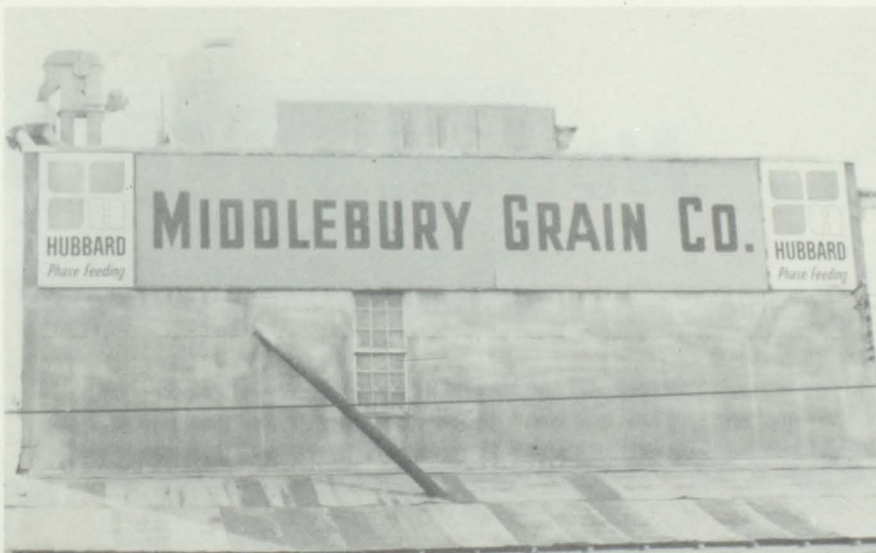
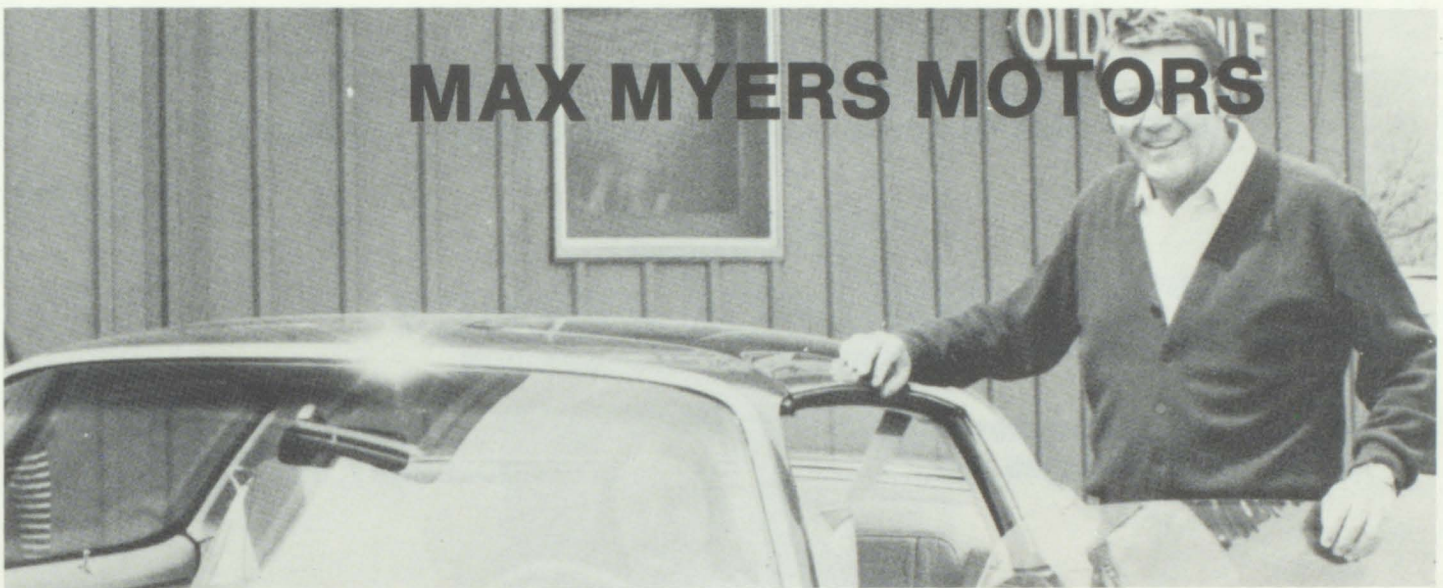
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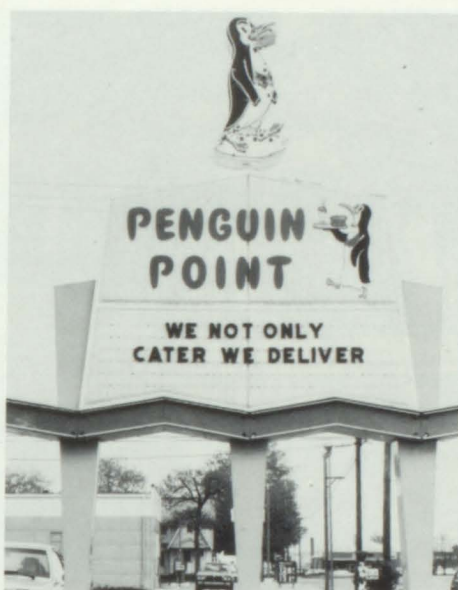
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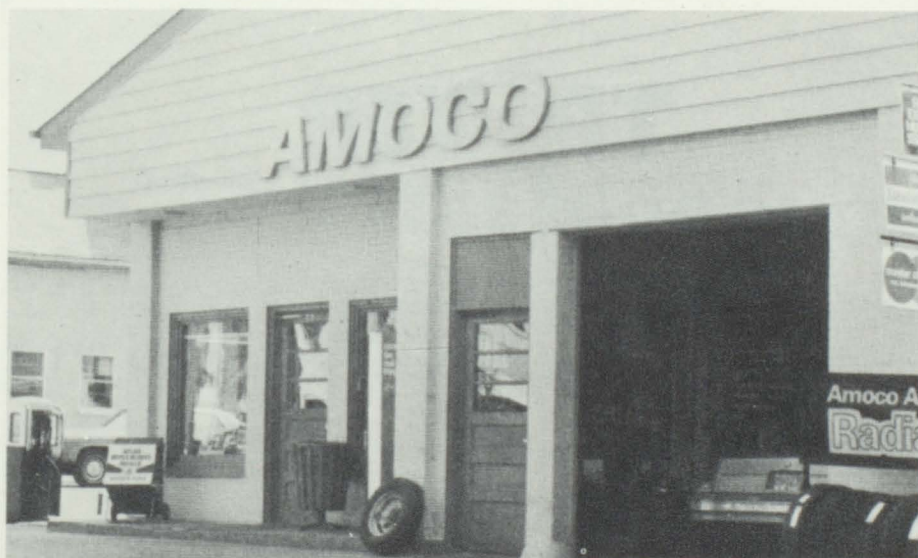
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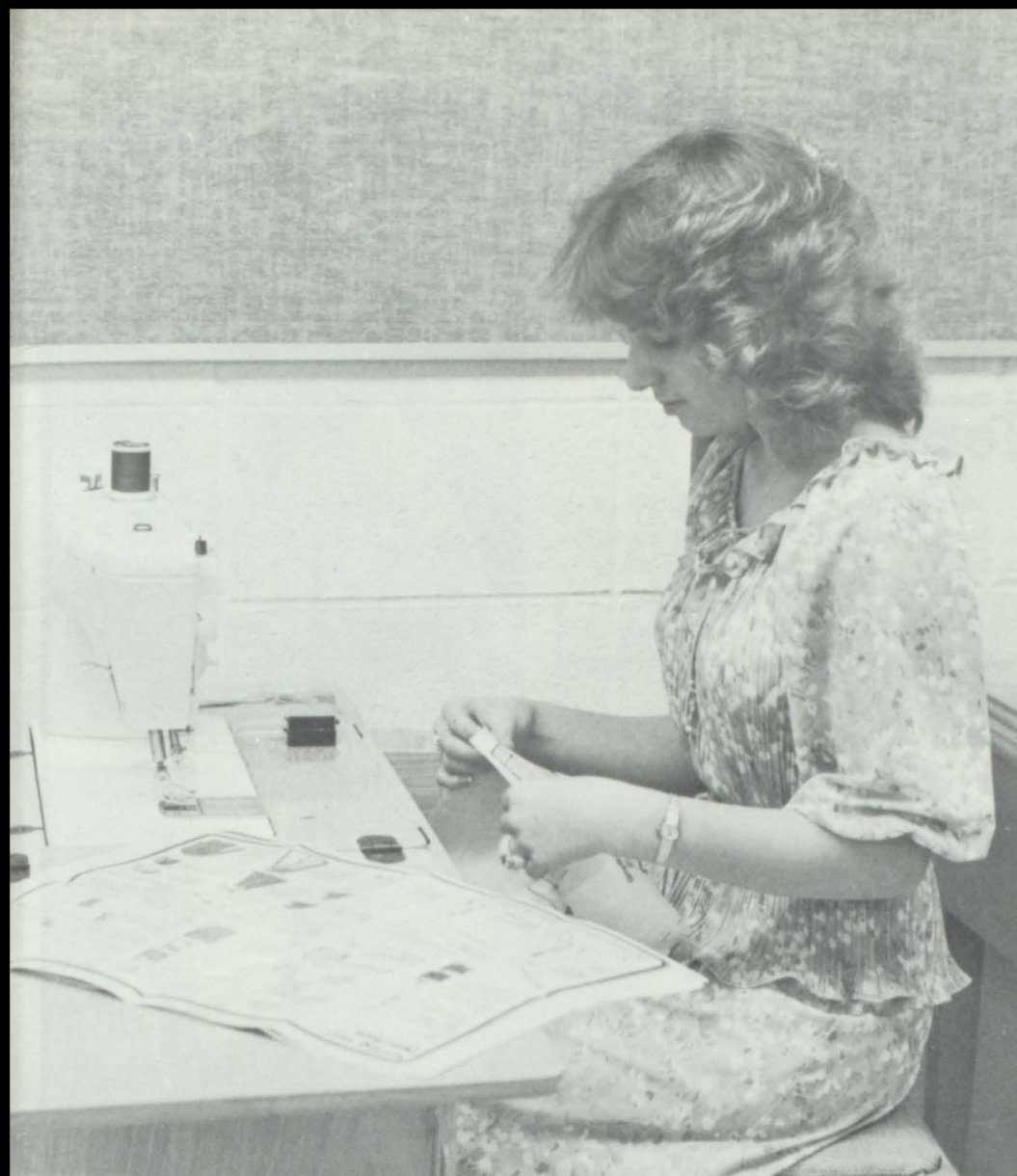
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In Advanced Clothing, Patsy Yoder prepares her pattern for the blazer she will be making.

Freshly painted in green with gold lettering, the familiar water tower hardly looks the same.

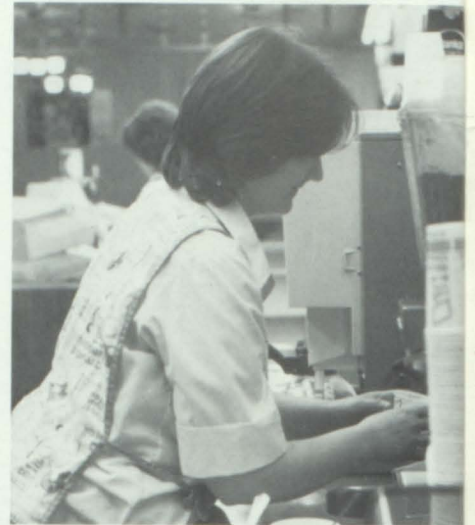


Ghost Towns

When the gold rush ended, it left many people with crushed spirits and empty hands. While some did strike it rich, many people left their shattered dreams of wealth behind in the desolate ghost towns. Buildings once buzzing with prospectors and excitement were left standing in dusty silence, and the gold fever disappeared as quickly as it had arrived.

The weight room is a popular place, especially for boys like Paul Collier who often want to see how much they can lift.

After working for Mister Donut for four years, Missy Mahaffa is well acquainted with her duties.



The Difference

Not all gold rushes end in bitter disappointment. The difference is where one looks for the gold. The NHS gold rush left everyone richer. There may have been "ghost towns" — like the cancelled Green and Gold Revue; but there were new things added. New ideas, new activities, new

people. Pride, spirit, determination, and persistence reaped victories, honors, satisfaction, and a sense of accomplishment. It left behind, not a ghost town, but the aftermath of a glorious disease that is often forgotten, but never really gone.



When the yearbooks finally arrive, a popular, time-consuming activity is signing them, and the lobby is a good place to find people to sign them.

During the summer the Pumpkinvine carried tourists on a sight-seeing tour from Middlebury to Shipshewana, although it now rests in silence.



Baseball fans gather at Elkhart Memorial for the Sectionals as Northridge goes against Mishawaka.



